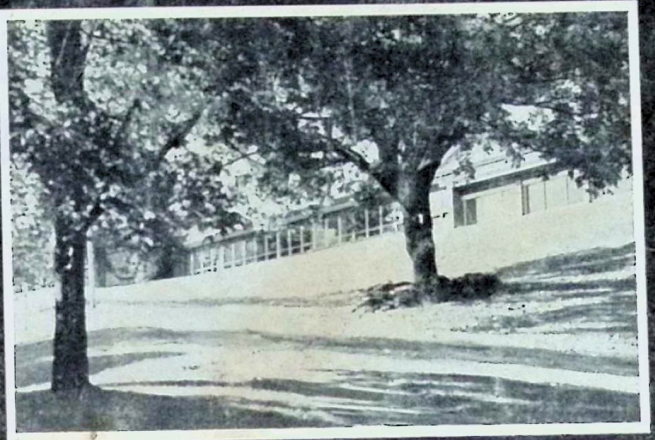

The Archer 1982-83

Shawna

Shawna –
Good
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Mr. Wardlaw

**The Archer . . . The Window
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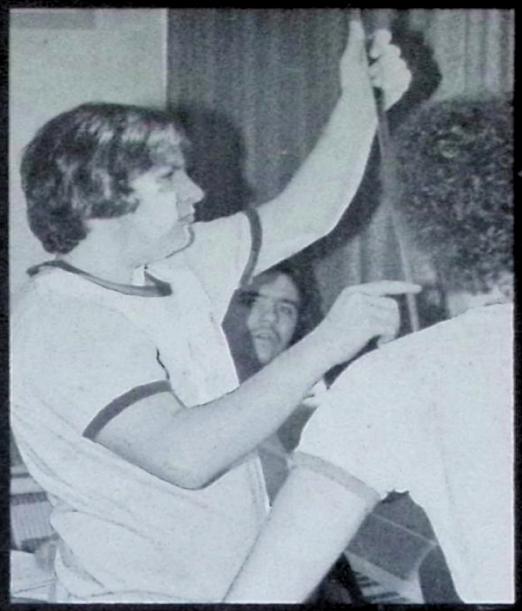
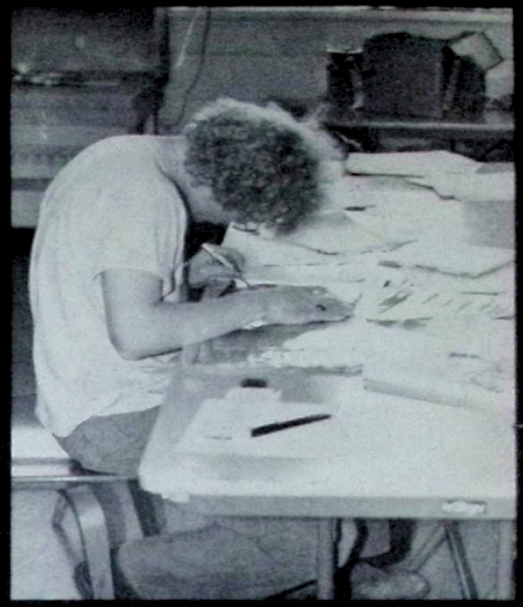




The Austine School For The Deaf Brattleboro, Vermont

Welcome to the 10th anniversary issue of the Austine School annual, The Archer. What we have tried to do here is draw from past issues as well as to capture the spirit of 1979-1980, to stir some memories, rekindle some hopes, and mainly provide you with a pleasant reading experience.

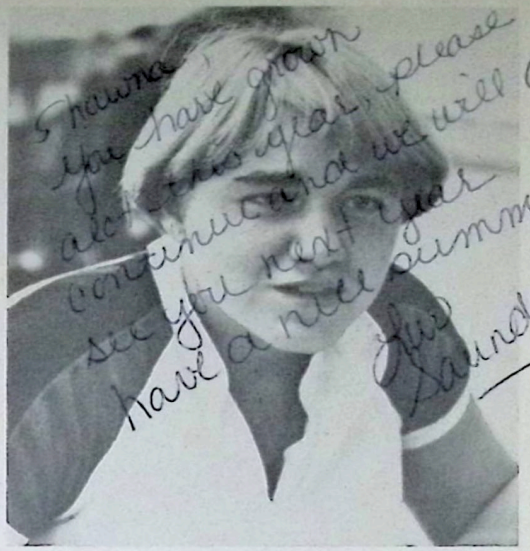
The yearbook over the past ten years has maintained pretty much the same focus. The staff & students & the activities which surround them. This year is no different in as much as it is our hope to involve members of our staff in the experiences of organizing, planning, laying out, collecting copy, meeting deadlines and assuming responsibility for their commitments that are inherent in presenting a work of this nature.

There have been many joys, disappointments, and frustrations along the way. This doesn't promise to be the "best yet," but hopefully a fitting tribute to the past ten years.

Richard Virkstis, Advisor

Archer Staff

Nancy Waitt—Int. and Adv. Girls



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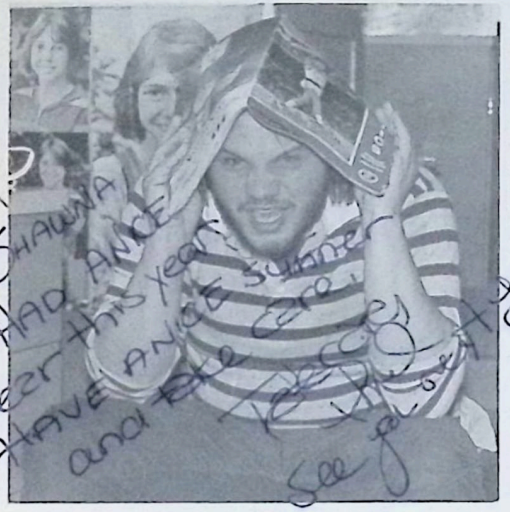
Ed Fagan—Jr. High and Adv. Boys



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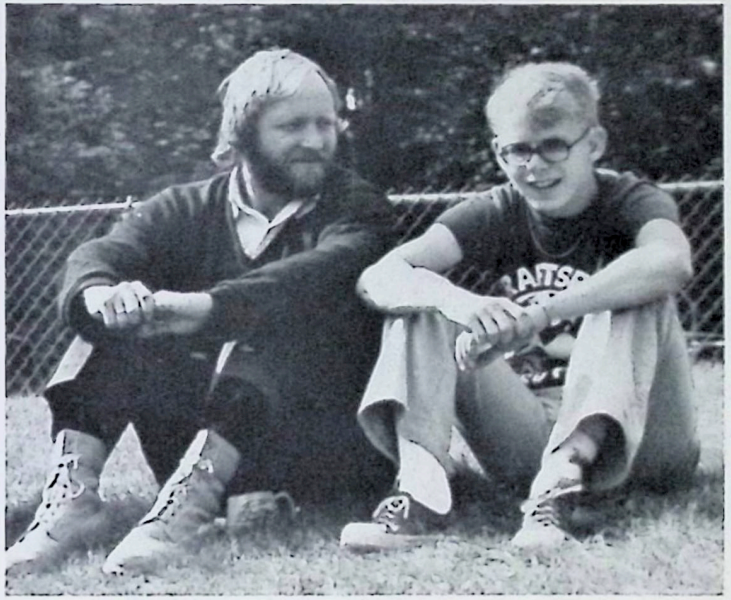
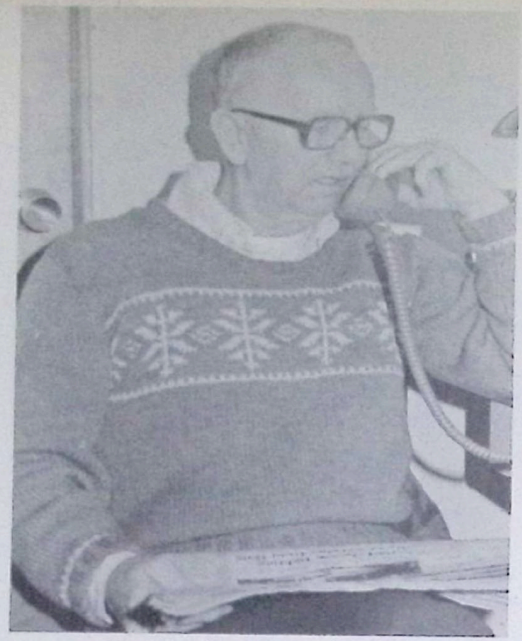


Harold O'Connell—Jr. High Boys

Marjorie Konreich—Elem. Girls

Nellie Laraway

Night Supervisors



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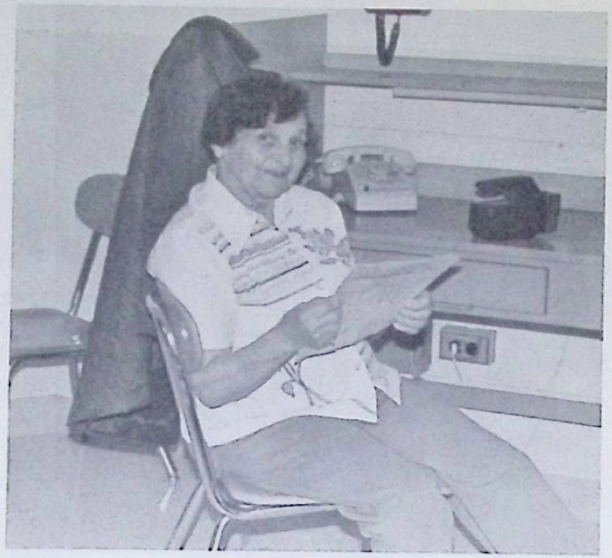


Esther Oski

Marjorie Dunham

June Jenness

To the Class of 1980 of the Austine School:

On the occasion of your graduation from Austine, I would like to wish all of you a sincere word of congratulation. We are very proud of you and of Austine, which this year celebrates the tenth anniversary of the school's yearbook, The Archer.

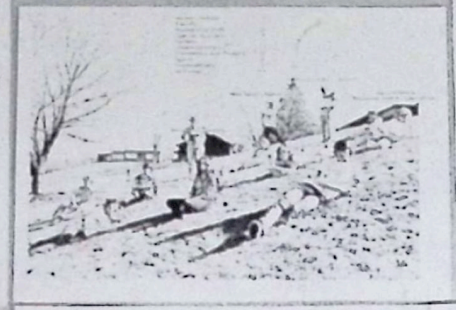
Whether you decide to continue your education or pursue other adventures, I know your years at Austine have prepared you for the challenges of the future.

Please accept my best wishes on this happy event.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Snelling

Richard A. Snelling
Governor



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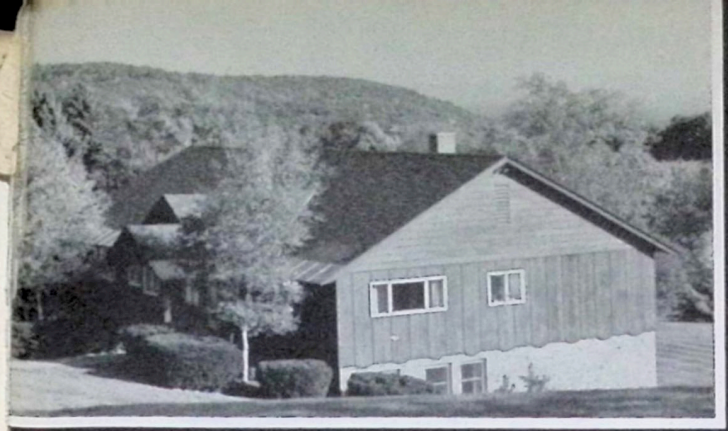

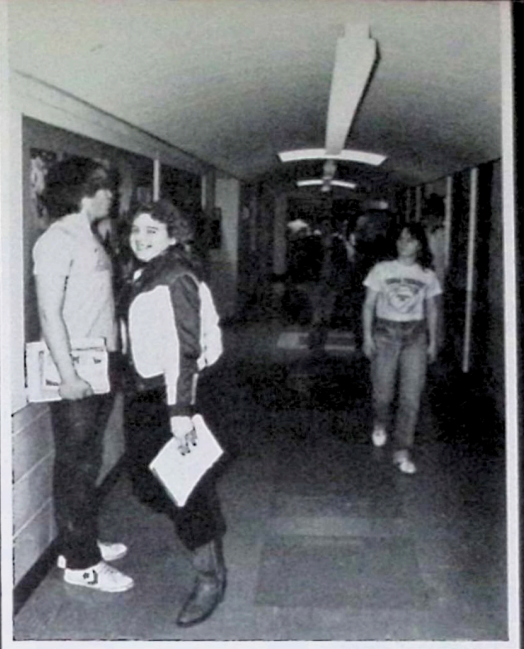

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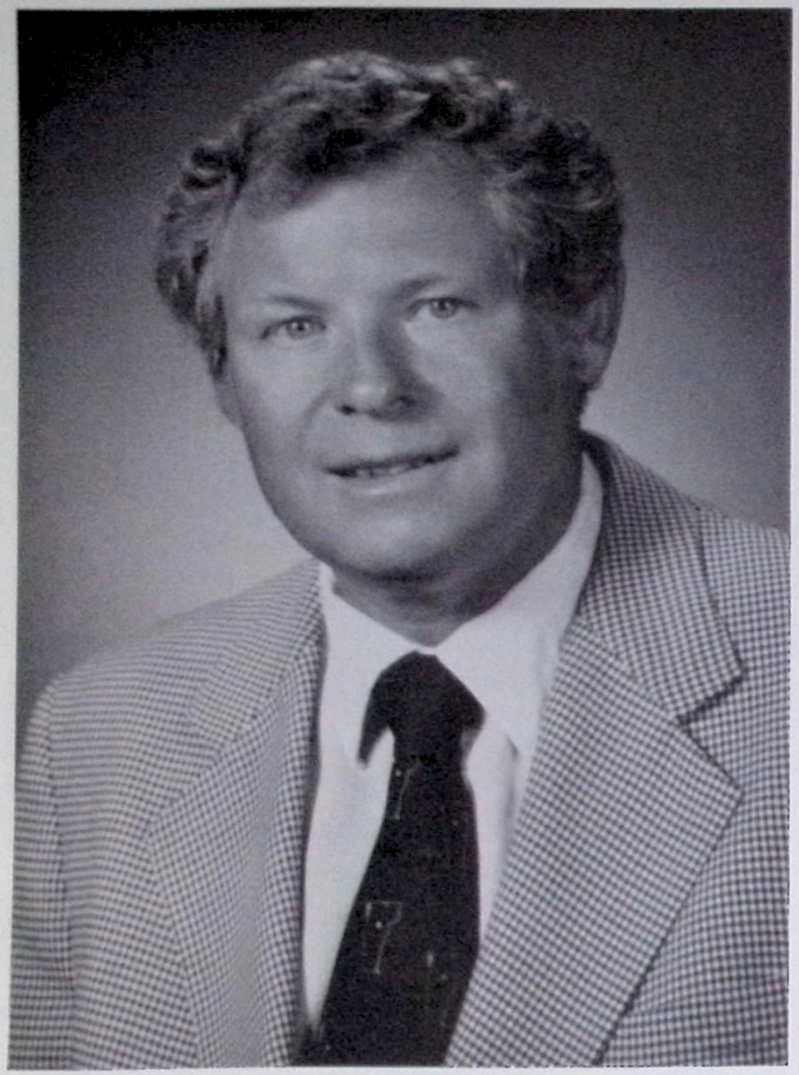

Richard A. Snelling, Governor

April 29, 1983

To the Class of the 1983 Austine School:

Your graduation is the culmination of dedication and hard work. You should be very proud of your achievements.

Our best wishes go with you as you establish new goals and work toward achieving them in the years ahead.

On behalf of all Vermonters, my congratulations on this happy occasion.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Snelling

Richard A. Snelling
Governor

Jean Garvin, Director Division of Special and Compensatory Education

To the Graduates of Austine School:

Congratulations and best wishes!

I am happy for you as you complete your education at Austine School. Austine is a great school which is widely recognized for the quality of its program. You have been fortunate to attend a school with such a fine staff and program.

Next year, you will stand at a new beginning. You will be taking new directions. New opportunities for your growth and development will be available to you. There will be some hurdles to go over. But, I have confidence that you will accept those opportunities willingly and with joy. There are many adventures ahead.

With warmest regards,

Jean S. Garvin

Jean S. Garvin, Director
Division of Special &
Compensatory Education

Archer Staff

L. to R.: Harold Potter, Advisor, David Kisiel, Al Longe, Richard Virkstis, Advisor, Polly Dicranian, Cal Helle, Advisor.

Richard Virkstis — Advisor
Cal Helle — Editor
Harold Potter — Photography Advisor
Polly Dicranian — Seniors, Special Services, Faculty
David Kisiel — Sports, Underclassmen, Organizations
Al Longe — Supervisors, Elementary, Activities

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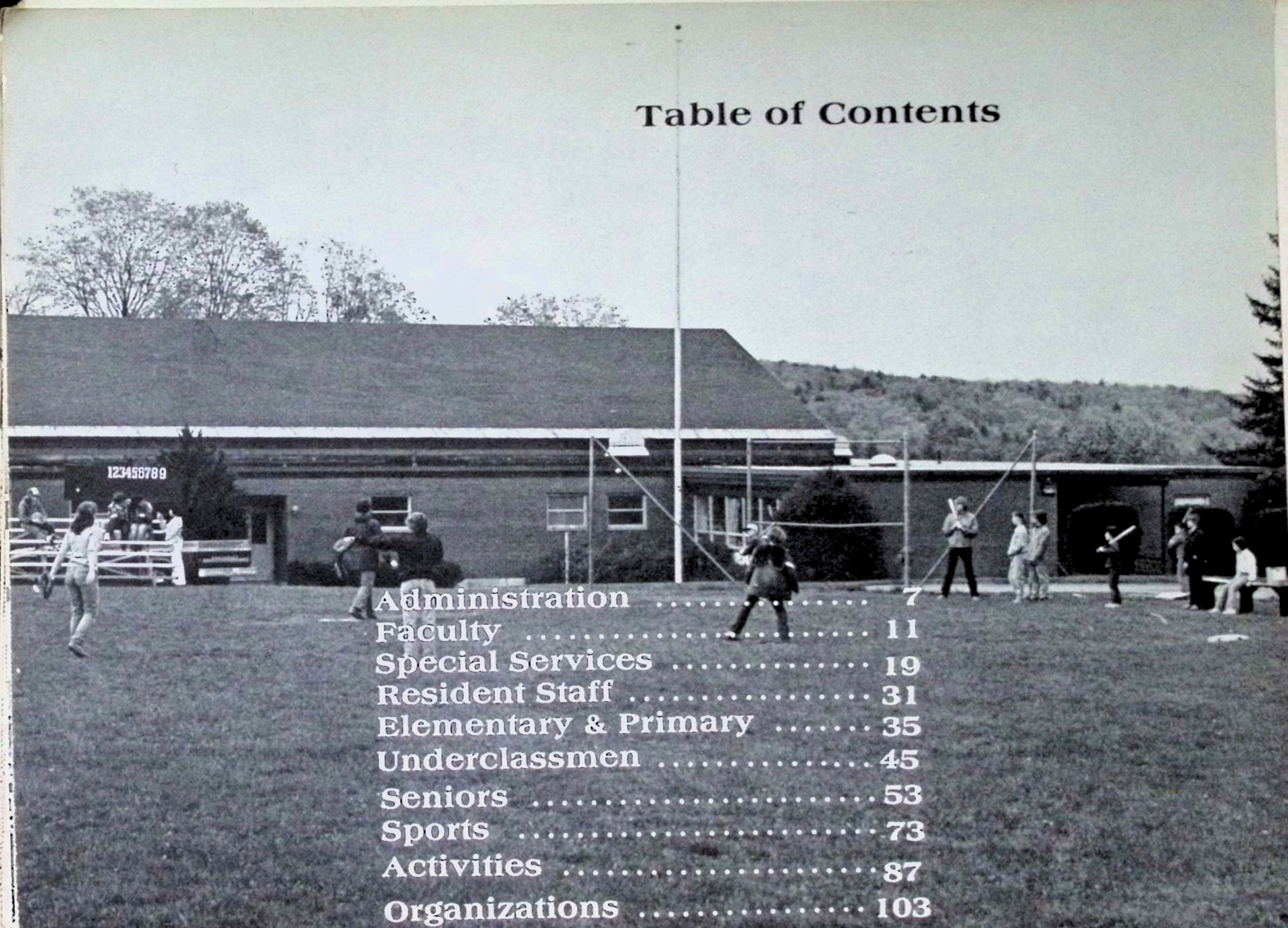

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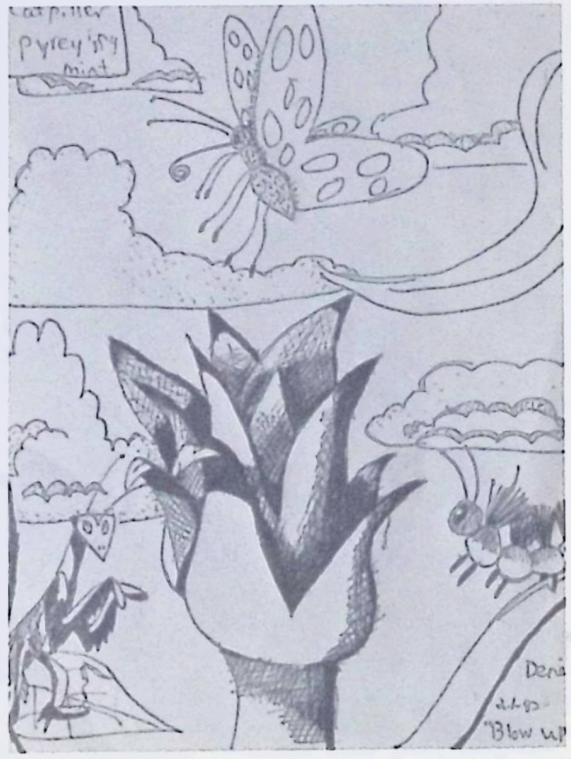
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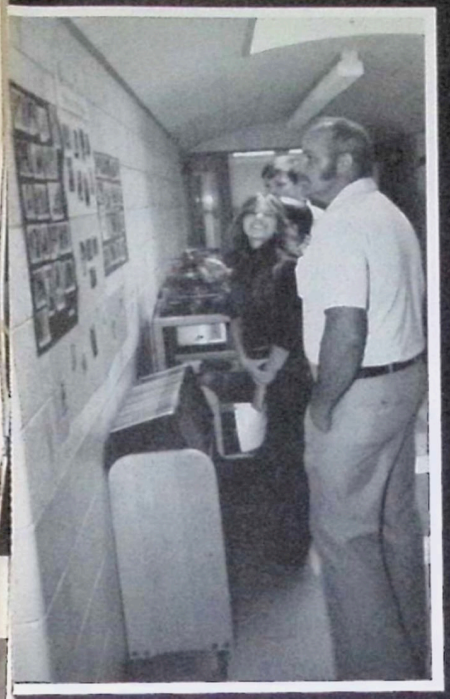

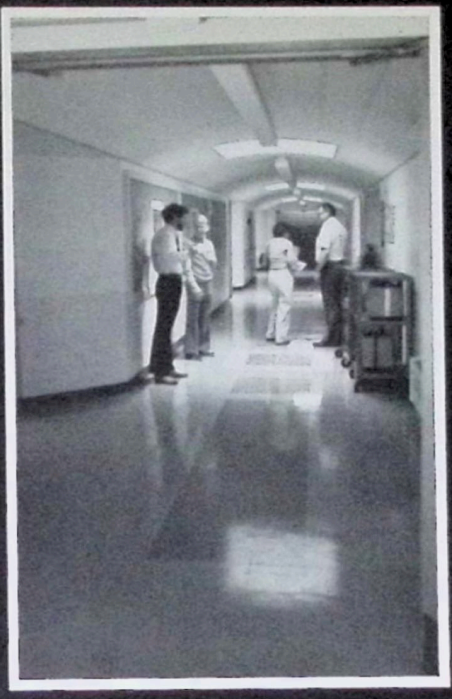

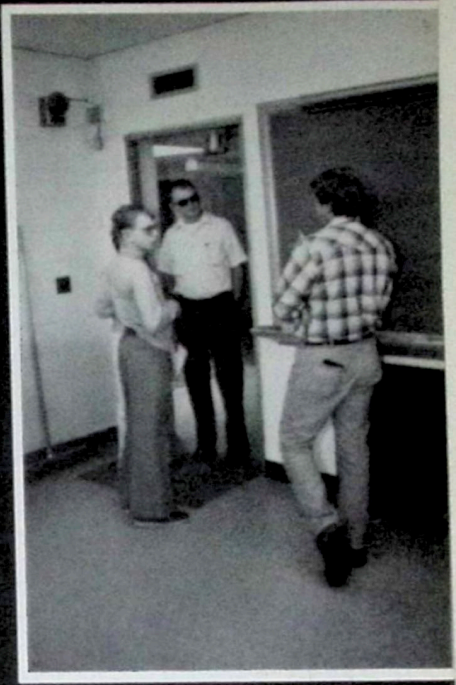

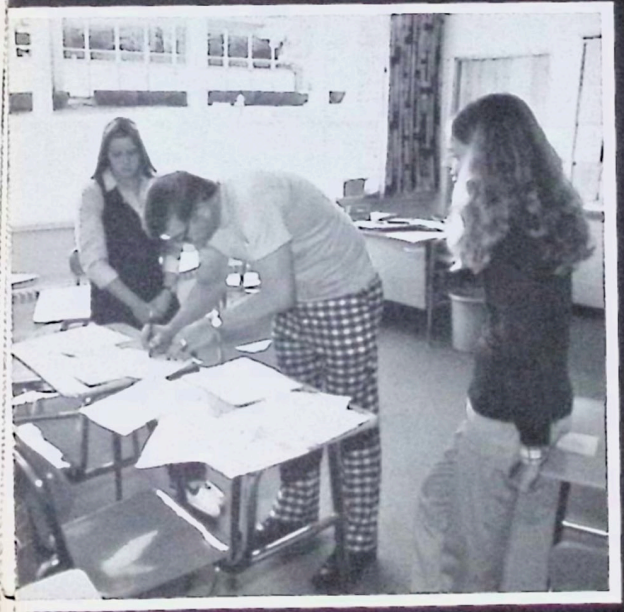

Administration

Board of Trustees

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To the Class of 1983:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Austine School, I am very happy to share with you their joy and pride on this occasion of your graduation.

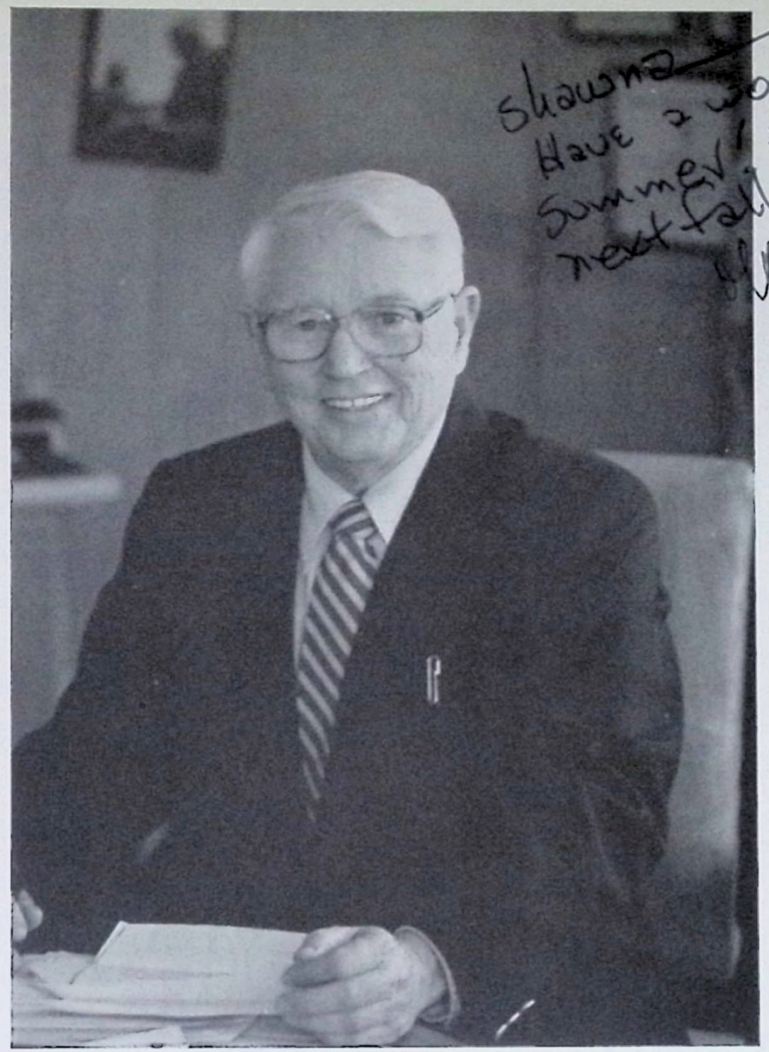
Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Phillip H. Wheeler, M.D.

Missing from the picture:
Jean Garvin, James Cusick and Dr. Robert Tortolani

Phillip H. Wheeler, M.D.
Chairman



Shawna
Have a wonderful
Summer! see you
next fall
Richard

Richard K. Lane — Headmaster

Dear Seniors,

Commencement, as the work indicates, is really the beginning of a new life for you either in further educational endeavor or the world of work.

As this period of your life draws to a close, I think you should look back and understand well that your accomplishments can be credited to a team on which you served as the leader. For while you did the work, you could not have done it without the continual support and assistance of your parents, your family, possibly friends, and certainly the houseparents and teachers that have worked with you throughout this phase of your life.

We all hope the best for you and we are certainly proud of your accomplishments. You can be sure that our thoughts will be with you and we will continue to share in the pride of your achievements.

Good luck to you all.

Richard K. Lane

Richard K. Lane
Headmaster

Marion Longuiel — Secretary to the Headmaster

Dear Shawna —
Be HAPPY ALL Summer
& Be Good. Love Marion

illness after twenty years of service at American Optical Company in Brattleboro forced Mrs. Rugg to leave the company. After her service as a clerk in the Superintendent's office, recording daily piecework performance of the employees, she decided not to return. Instead, she fortunately came to The Austine School as our bookkeeper in May of 1967. Very few people knew she had worked for the school before in a different department years ago.

Always pleasant and efficient, Mrs. Rugg has gained the respect of all and certainly is an excellent choice to share in the dual dedication honor bestowed on the business office.

We congratulate both of these wonderful employees of our school.

Dedication

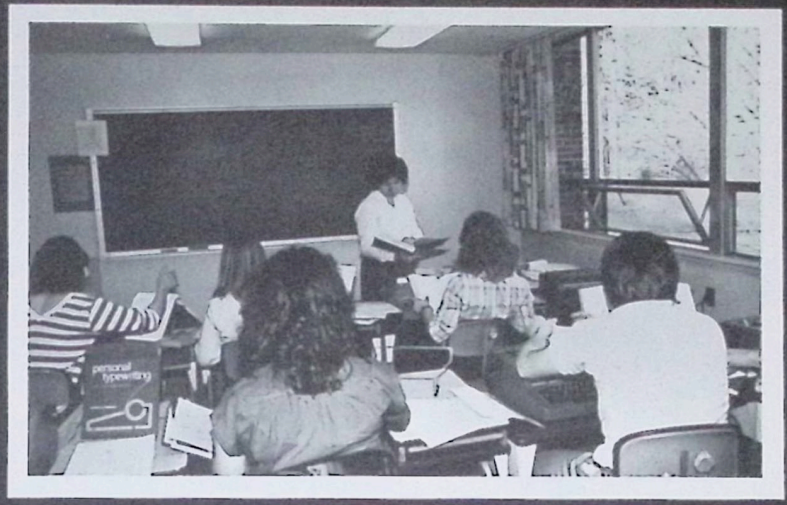
CLARENCE E. HARDING

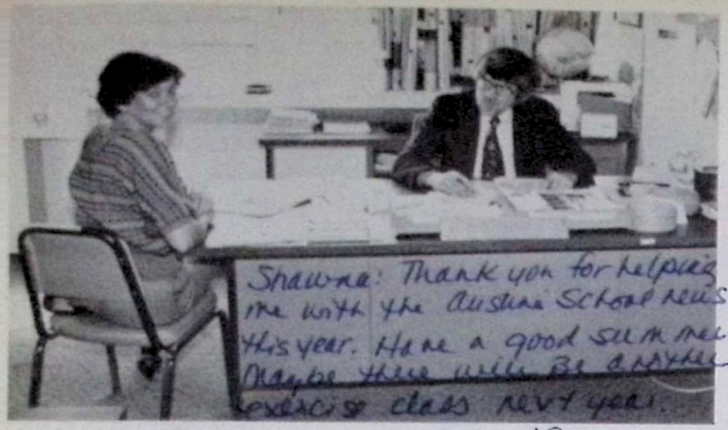
Upon his retirement as the Business Manager for the Public Schools of Brattleboro, where he served from 1958-1969, Mr. Harding, a registered accountant, joined the staff of Austine School as our accountant. Simultaneously, he was elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer of The Board of Trustees of The Austine School on September 11, 1969. Since that date he has served in both capacities, as well as our TITLE I accountant.

His contributions to our progress, coupled with his keen interest and support of our school, readily earns him the honor bestowed on him by the Yearbook staff.

BERNICE W. RUGG

Faculty

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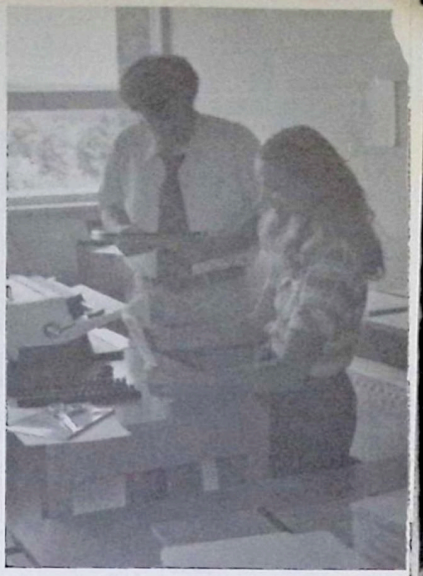
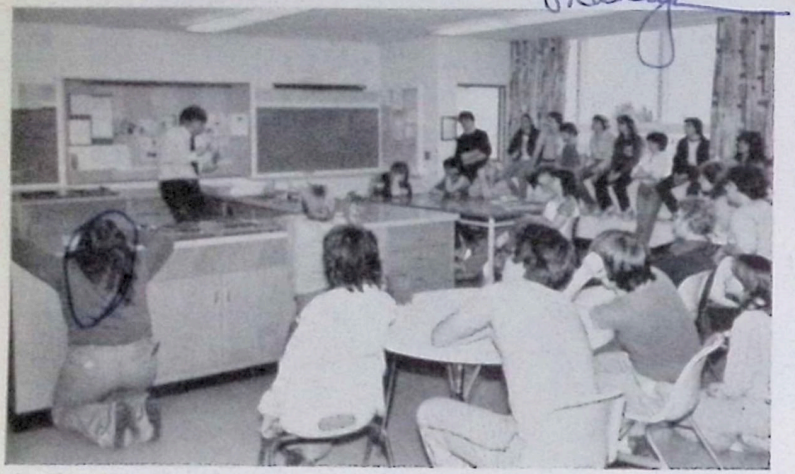
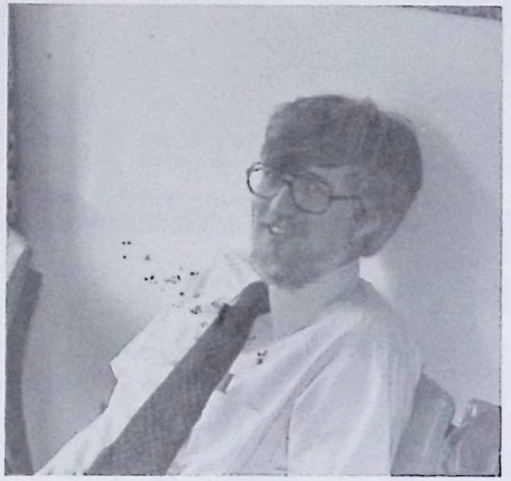
me with the Austine School news
this year. Have a good summer.
Maybe there will be another
exercise class next year.
Marilyn







Shawna
Summers help Flowers,
Vacations help students
grow and return with
a smile
RPS

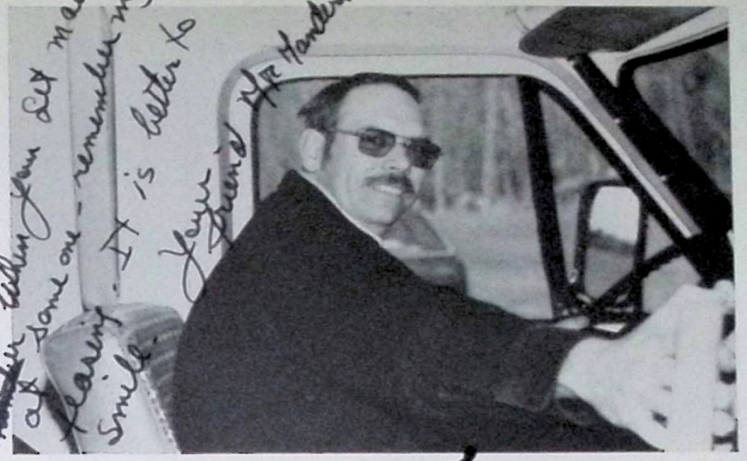
Dear Seniors:

High school is over. You have spent four years with us at Austine School. We hope you have learned a lot here. You have studied academic and vocational subjects. We hope you have learned more than how to pass tests and finish homework. We hope you have learned how to be kind, make friends, and get along with people. We hope you have learned how to be responsible, how to solve problems, and how to take care of yourself. The big test is life. The important homework is finding happiness. We hope you do both of them very well.

Sincerely,

Raymond P. Stevens, Ph.D.
Principal

Leslie McCoy — Speech Therapist



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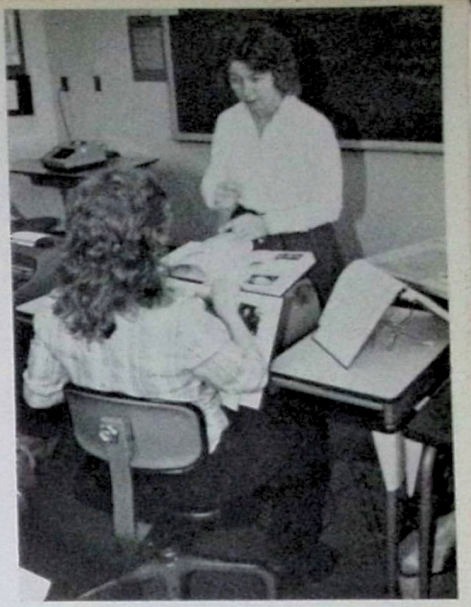

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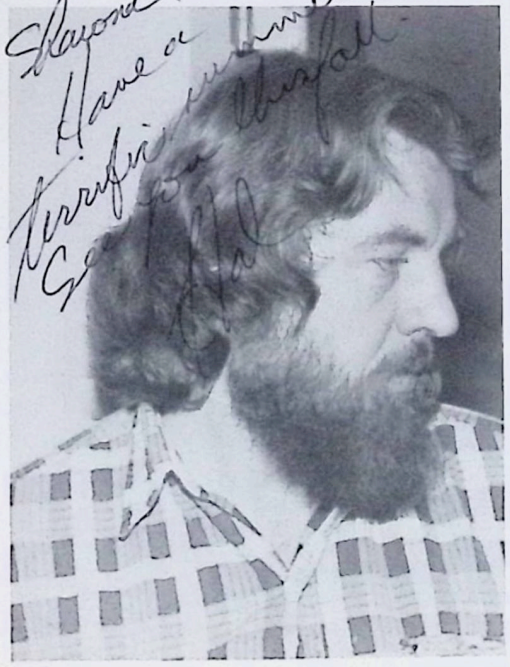

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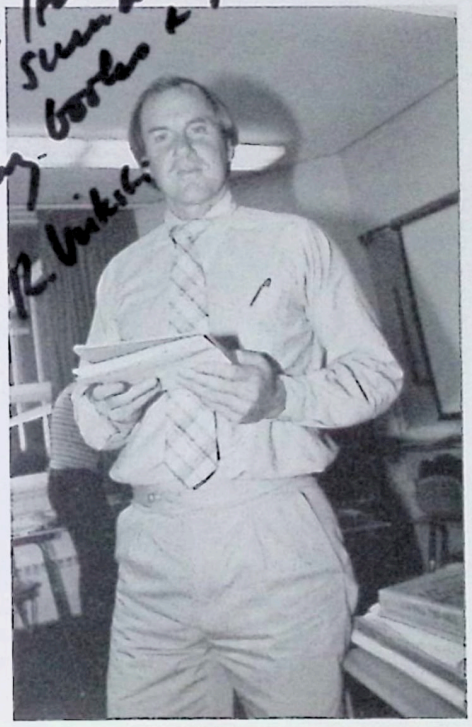

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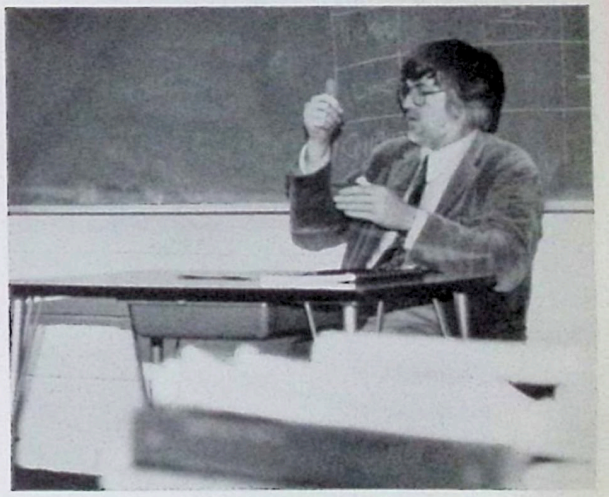

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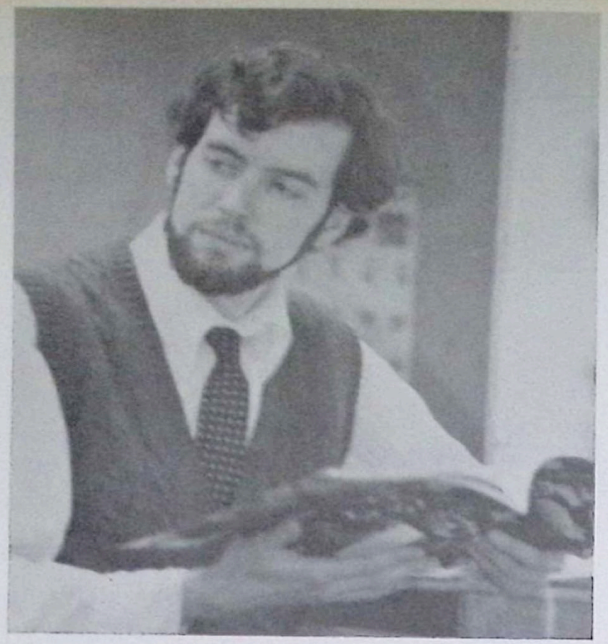
Don Powers — Woodworking



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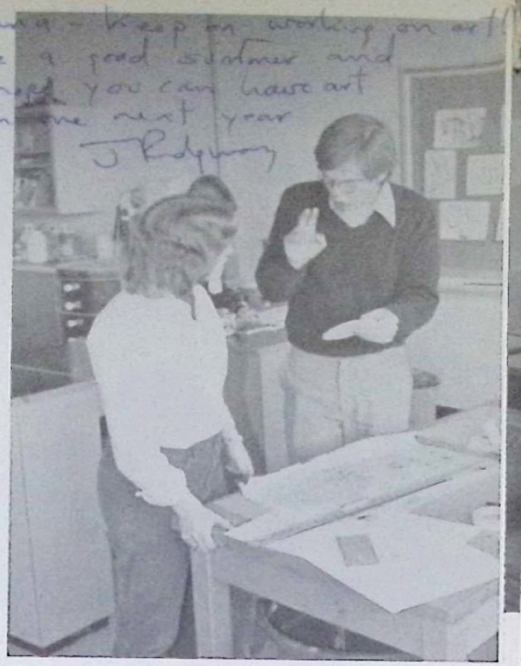

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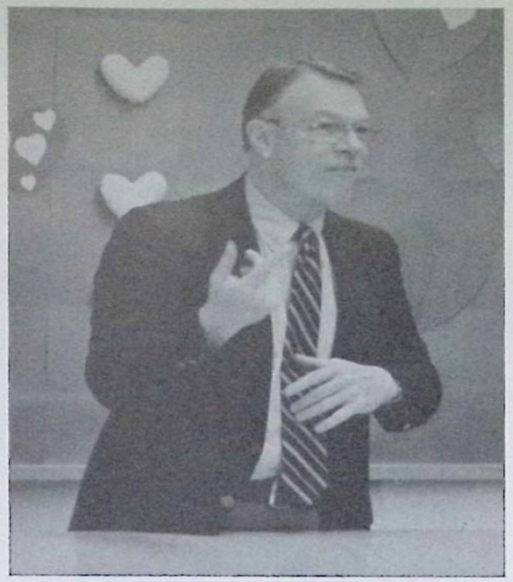
Janis Field — Teacher Aide

Tom Fahner — Physical Education



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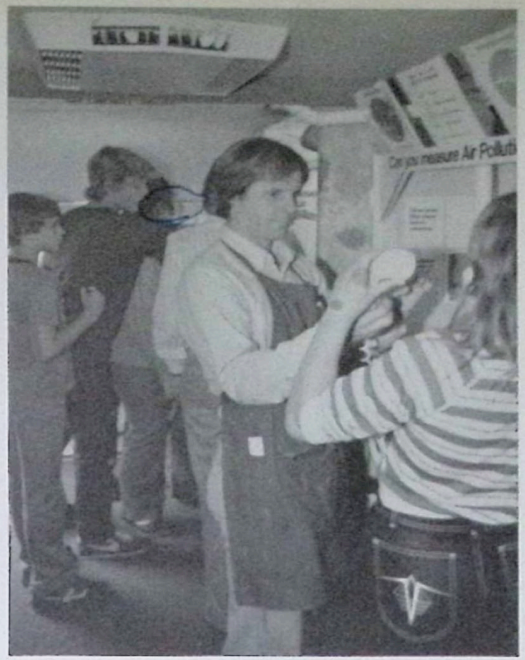

Peter Longsjo — Science, Math Coordinator

Carolyn Helle — English, Social Studies

Shawna -
Have a good
summer. See you
in science class
in the
fall. Next year
sophomore
have to
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Phil Palmer

Philip Palmer — Science

Shawna

Jean Lacy — Home Economics

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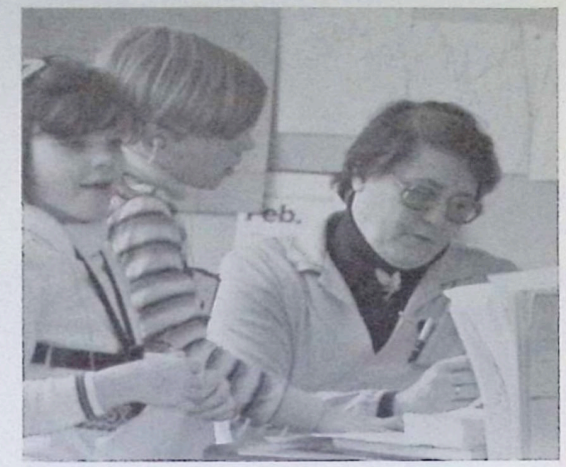
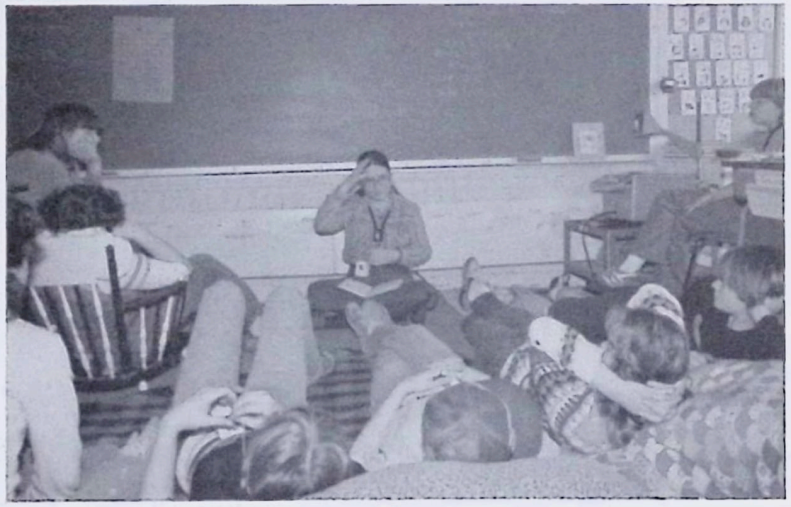
Anne Bolte — Lower III

Linda Ruggles — Upper I

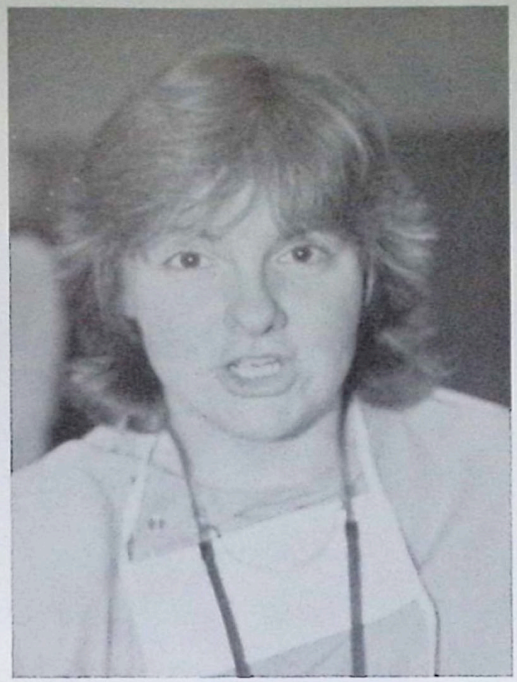


Ida Hutchins — Lower II

Lucille Spar-Blazej — Speech Therapist



Mary Lou Brozena — Upper II



Sheri Raimer — Lower IV

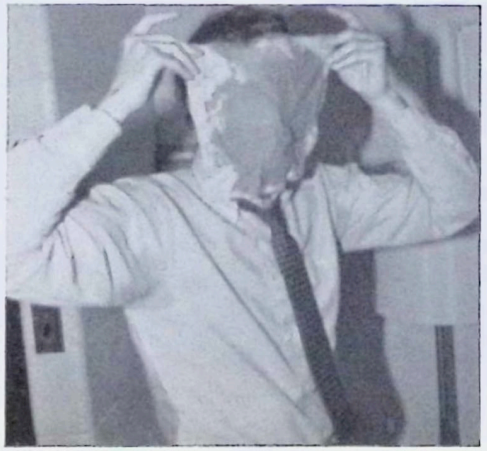
Carrie Lane — Teacher Aide

Betty Igleheart — Lower I

Nancy Weiss — Teacher Aide Lower IV

Primary

Elaine Roberge — Primary



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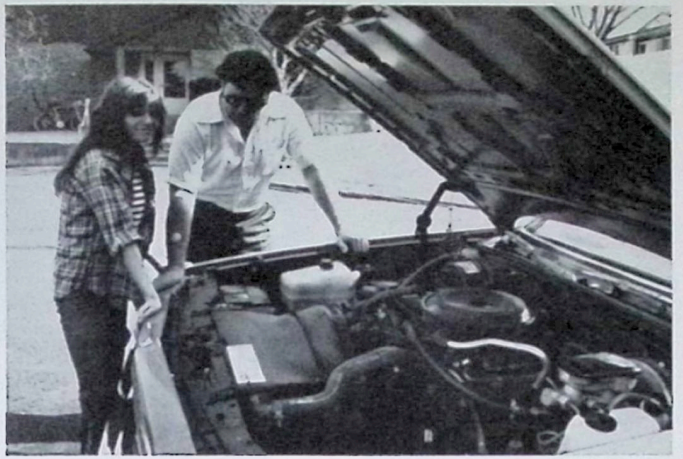

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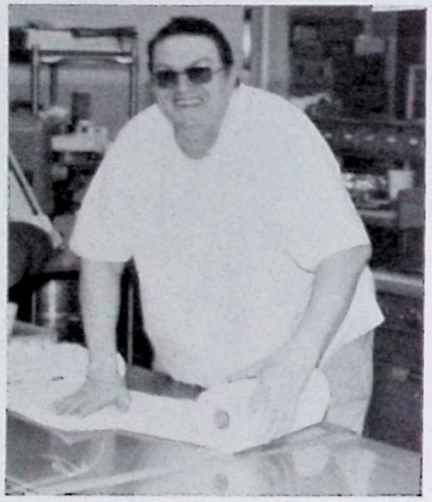
Barbara Latronica

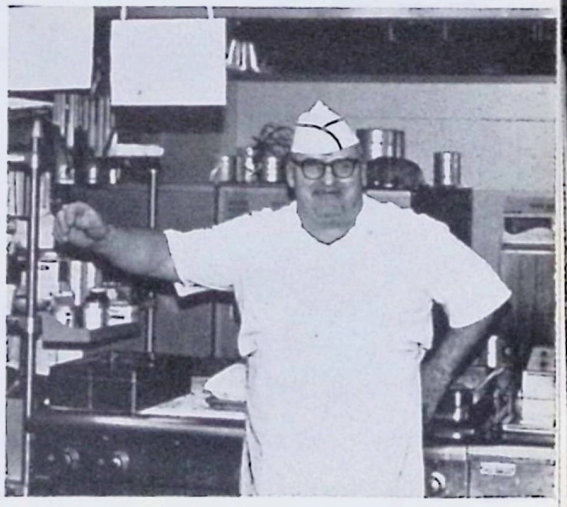
Luella Frechette

Kay Cioffi — Department Head



Roger Arsenault

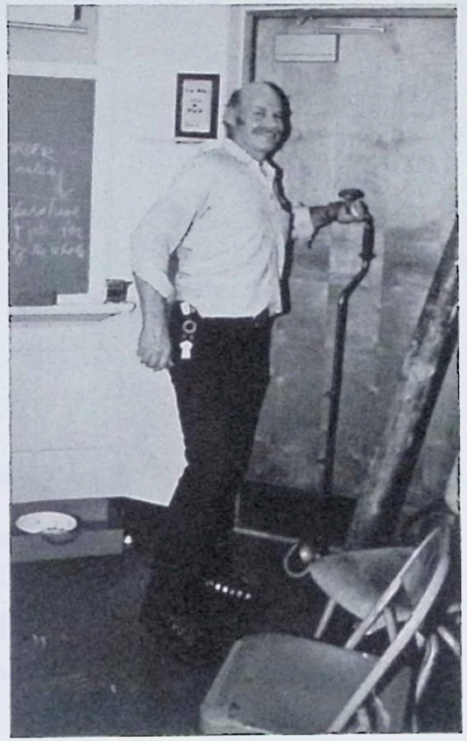
Patricia Printon



Peter Skib, Jr. — Chef

Maintenance

Richard Putnam — Department Head



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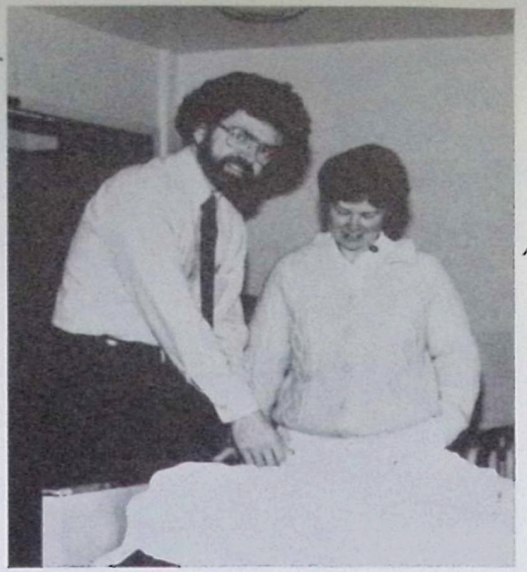

Dr. Robert Orr

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Betsy Boggess, R.N.

Mary Boemig, R.N.

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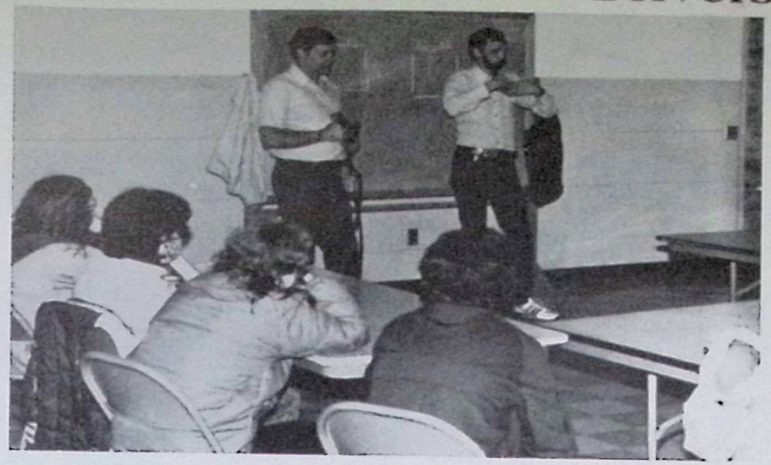
Infirmary

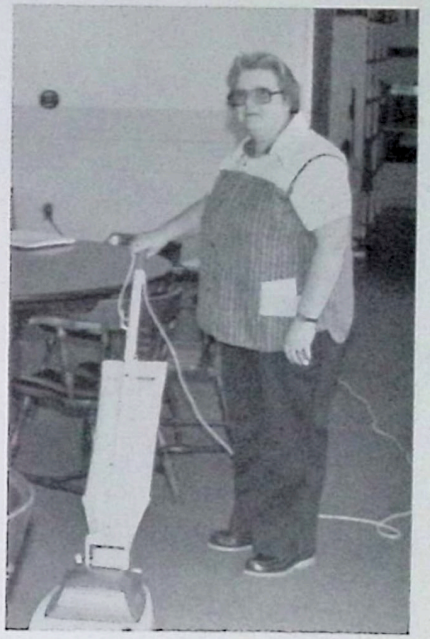
Drivers Education



Howard North, Instructor — Andrew Cunningham, Interpreter

Laundry

Teresa Walsh



Delia Charbonneau

Intermediate Boys

Elementary Girls

Junior High Girls

Elementary Boys

Dorm Groups

Junior High Boys

Advanced Boys

Advanced Girls

Dear Seniors,

I hope that your years at Austine have been beneficial and productive. Next year, you will be attending college or working. I hope that you will continue to work hard and persevere.

Best wishes for all your future plans and dreams.

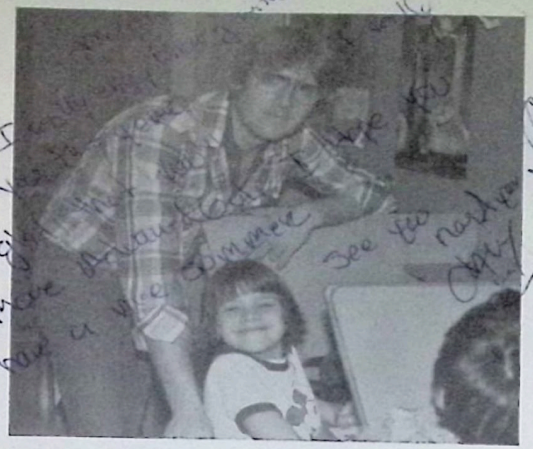
Sincerely,

John Fish

John Fish,
Dean of Students

Shawnee
Mission East
A better year looking
forward to seeing
you in '86 next year
John Fish

Resident Staff



Gary Potter — Intermediate Boys

Jean Harbottle
Elementary Boys

Joyce Sullivan
Jr. High Girls

Doug Newton — Assistant Dean
Intermediate Boys

Linda Evanson
Elementary Boys

Peggy Kelleher — Jr. High Boys

Andrew Cunningham — Advanced Boys

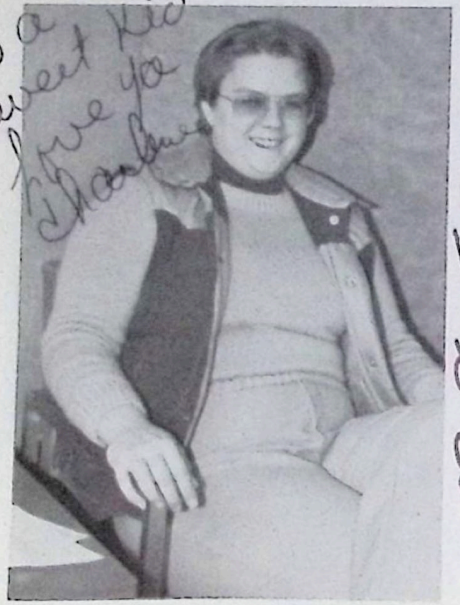
Karen LaGue
Elementary Girls

Dear Shawna;
I love to have you in gym class, you always want to do things once we get started. I hope that the rest of your school at Austine School is fun + reward
Take care
Karen ☺

Ed Fagan — Advanced Boys

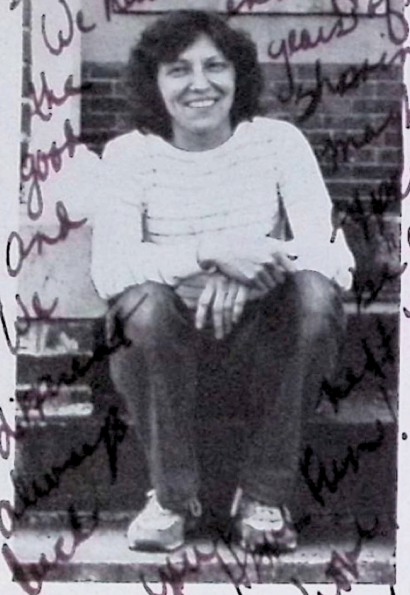
Mary Gorman — Advanced Girls

To a sweet kid
Love ya
Charlene



Charlene Gregoire
Elementary Girls

Dear Shawna,
We have come to the end of two years of living and learning with each other. Maybe we will be moving on to other experiences but we will always be good friends. "Good friends will miss each other."
Love
Jeanne



Jean Wood — Jr. High Girls

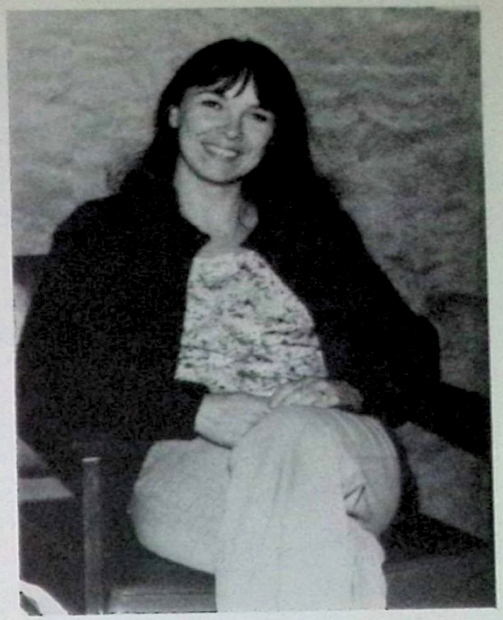
Harold Potter — Jr. High Boys

Mary Rodriguez — Advanced Girls

Night Supervisors

Marjorie Dunham

June Jenness



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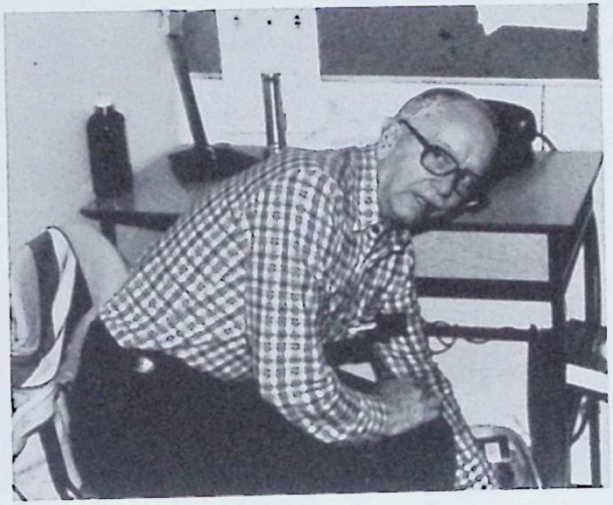

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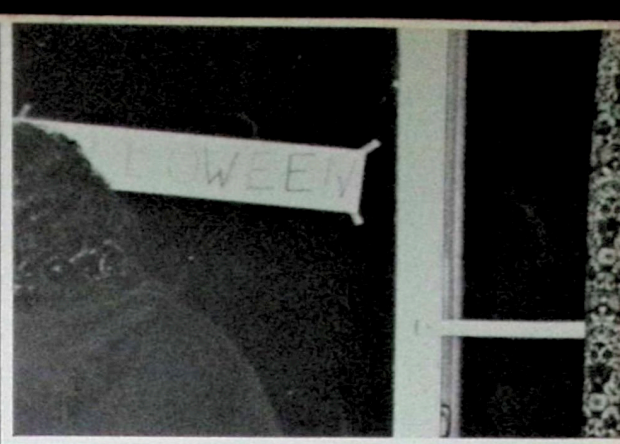

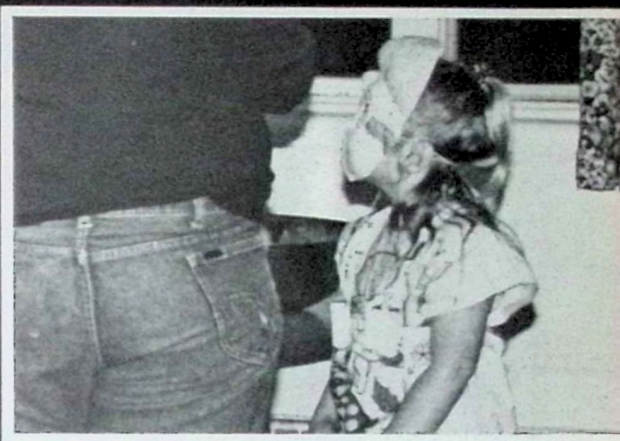

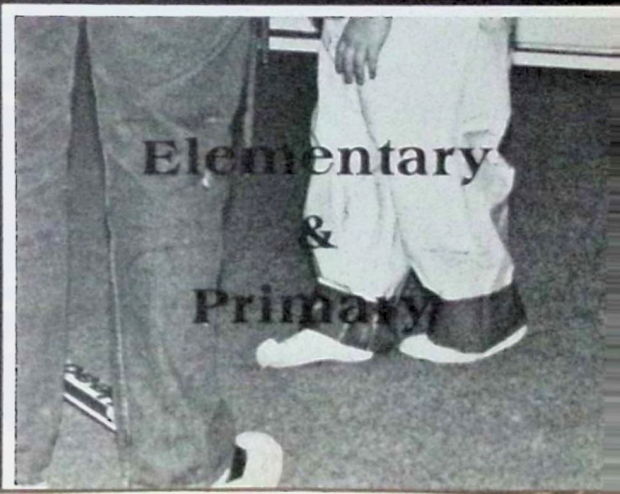
Elementary
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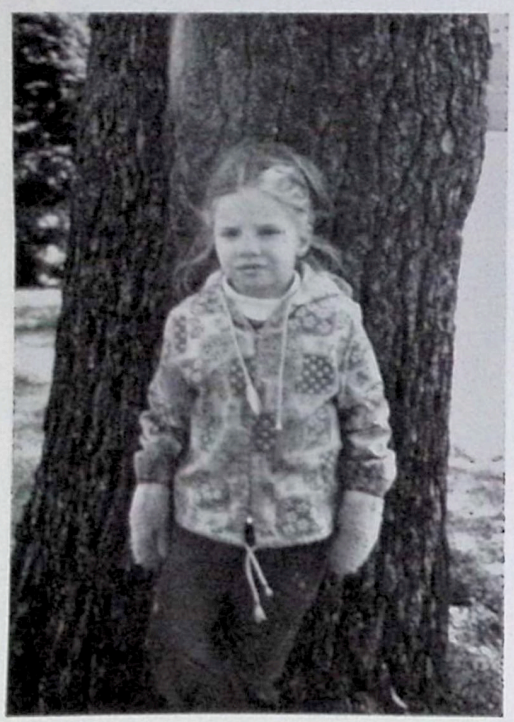
Primary

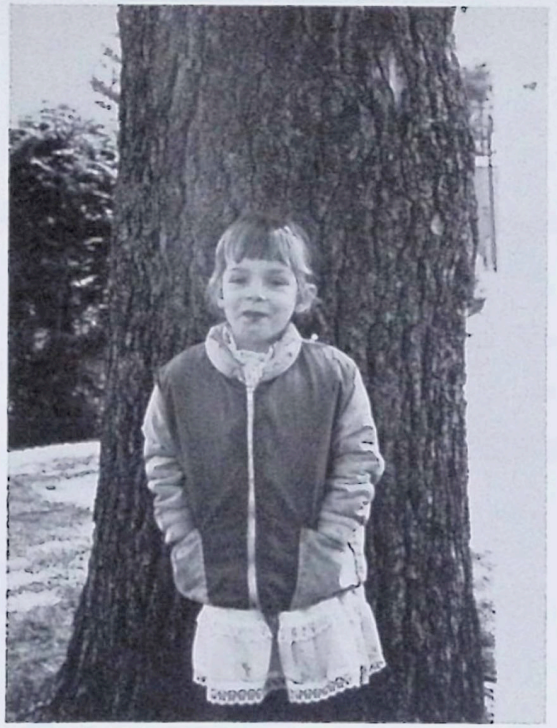
Paul Woodruff — West Townshend, Vt.

Primary



Summer Klebe — Newfane, Vt.

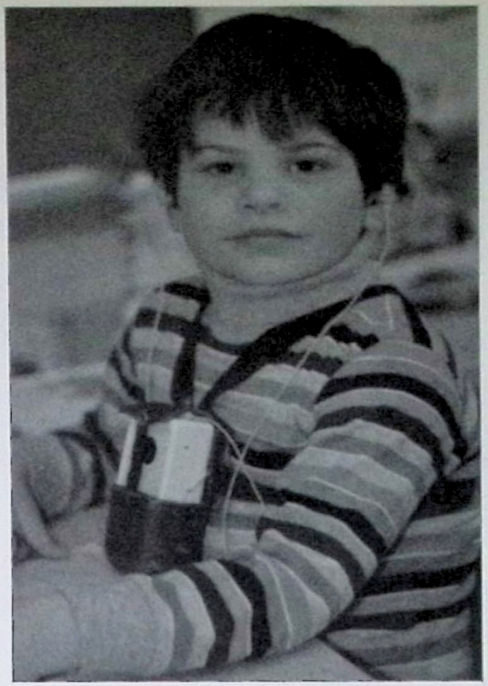
Lee Ann Whitney — N. Adams, Mass.



Michelle Benoit — Springfield, Vt.

Lower I

Bernice Gabrus — Bennington, Vt.



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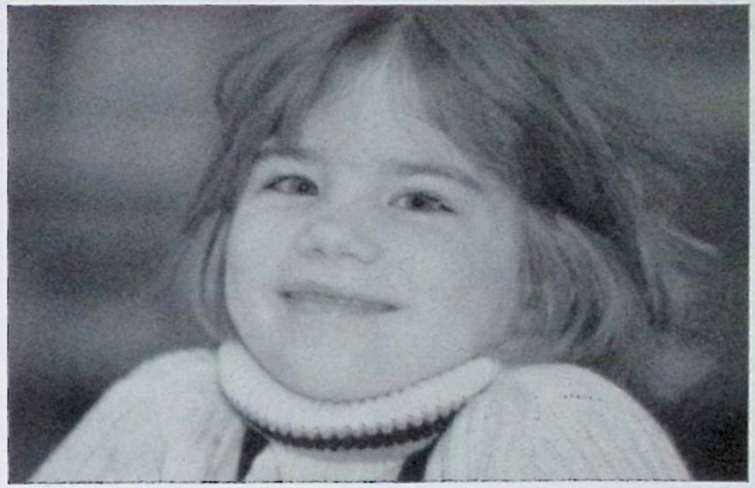
Travis Gorton — Huntington, Vt.

Chad Orcutt — Brattleboro, Vt.



Amy Francis — Lebanon, N.H.

Lower II

Stanton Payne — Middlebury, Vt.

Amy Bacigalupo — Bellows Falls, Vt.

Lisa Ward — East Arlington, Vt.

Michelle Tarbox — Putney, Vt.

Scott Fontaine — Barre, Vt.

Donald Lavoie — Rutland, Vt.

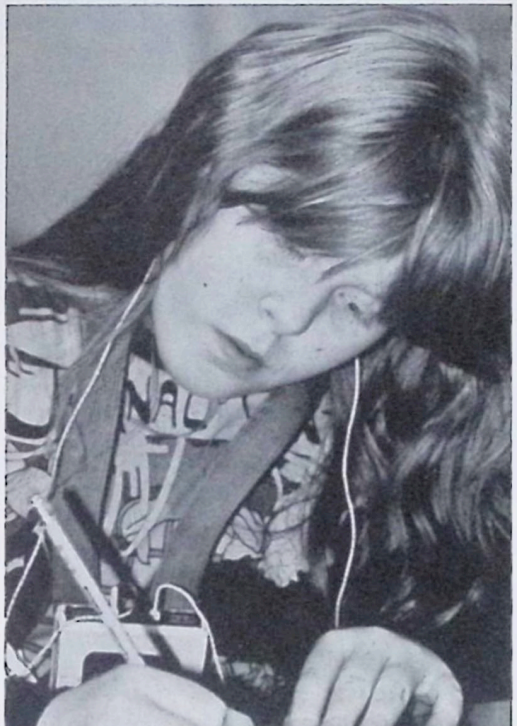
Michelle Sanborn — Rowe, Mass.

Arthur Luhn — Brattleboro, Vt.

Valerine Annis — Vernon, Vt.

Doug Holmes — W. Brattleboro, Vt.

Lower III



Stephanie Currie — Chester Depot, Vt.

Jennifer Lanpher — Barre, Vt.

David St. Cyr — Enosburg, Vt.

Lauri Luckenbill
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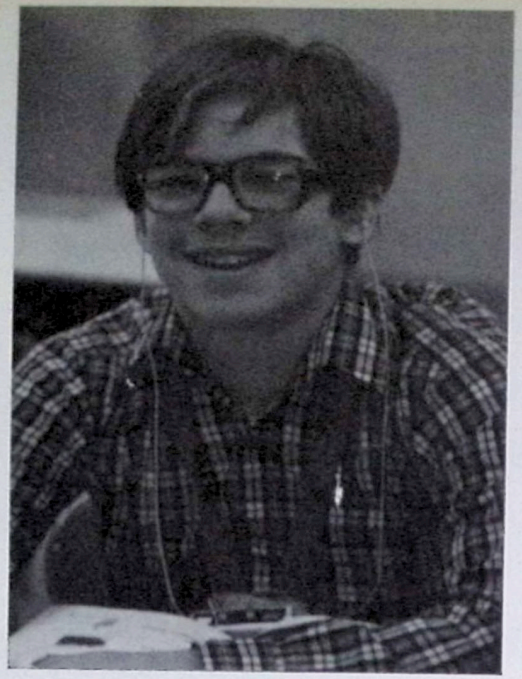
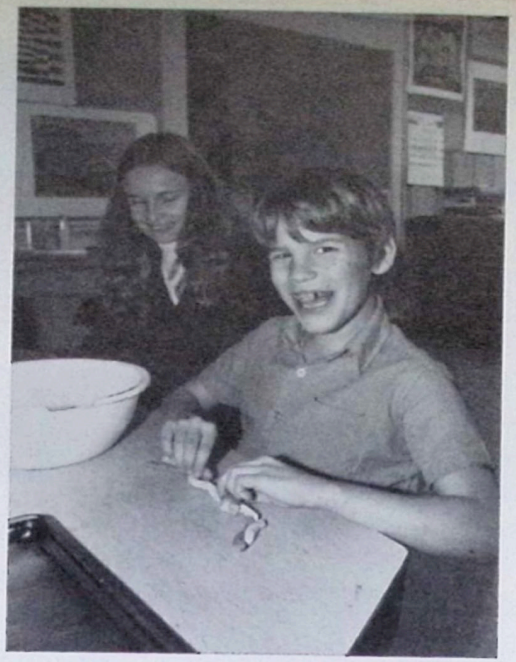
Joshua Santamore — Orleans, Vt.



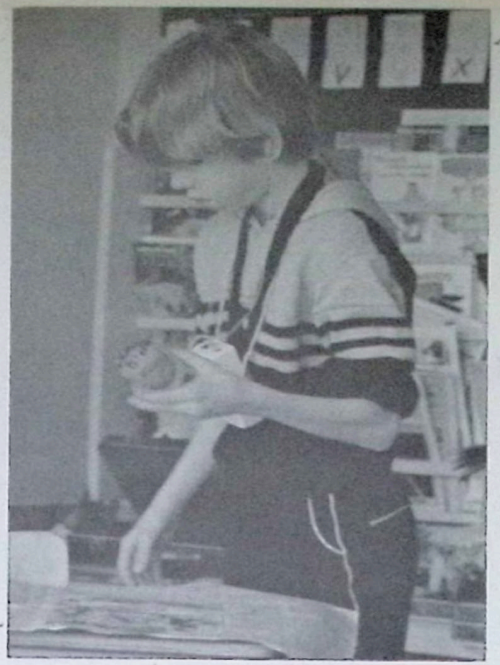
Lewis Lord — Barre, Vt.



Michael Taylor — Montpelier, Vt.

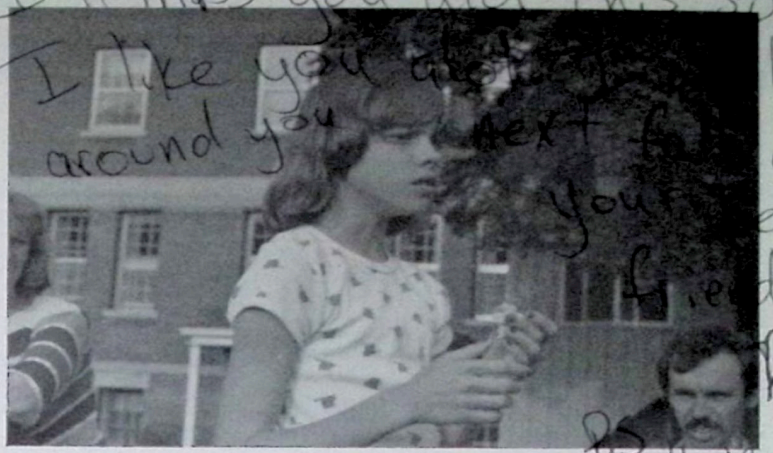
Lower IV

Stacey Rutledge — Lyndonville, Vt.



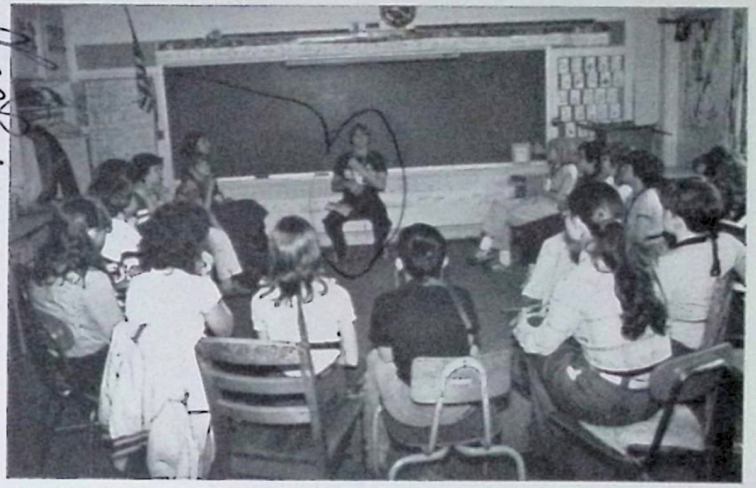
Chris LaBelle — Vernon, Vt.

To a girl that has a cute smile.
I'll miss you alot this summer.
I like you a... around you ... next f... your ... friend,
... be in N.J. est, d, Renée
P.S. Have a nice summer!



Renee Barnes — Burlington, Vt.

My boyfriend



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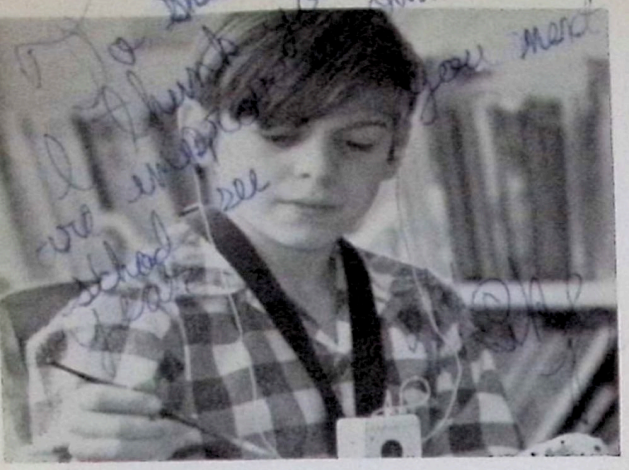

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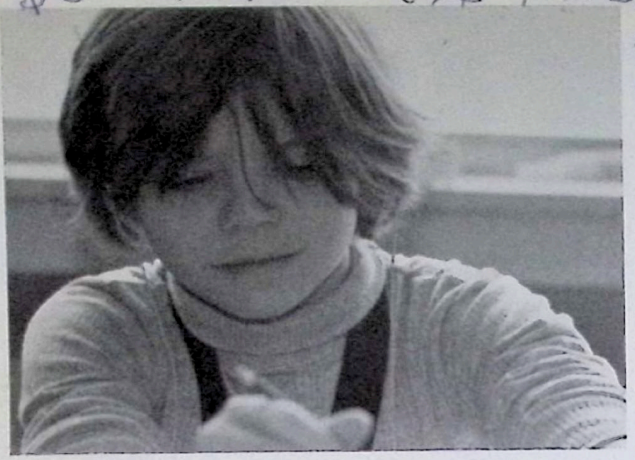
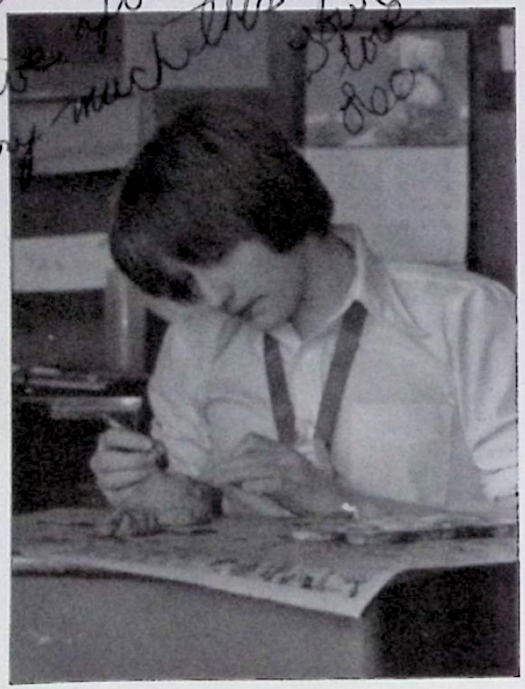


Shane Greene — Lyndonville, Vt.

Lyman Lawyer — Brattleboro, Vt.



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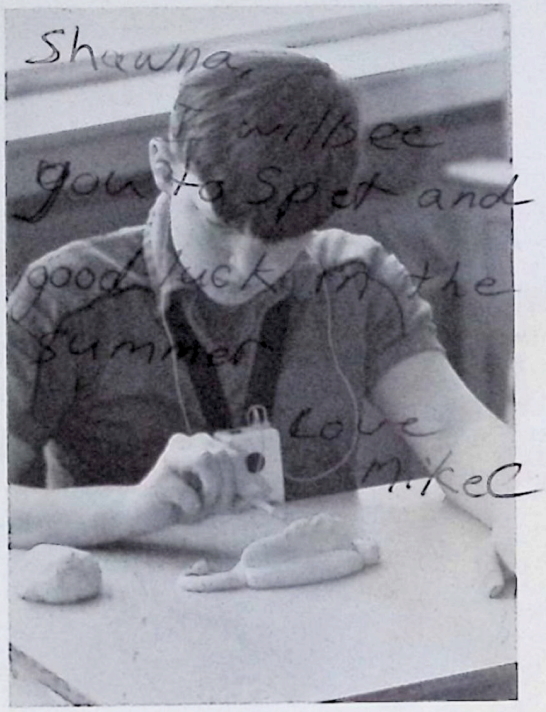
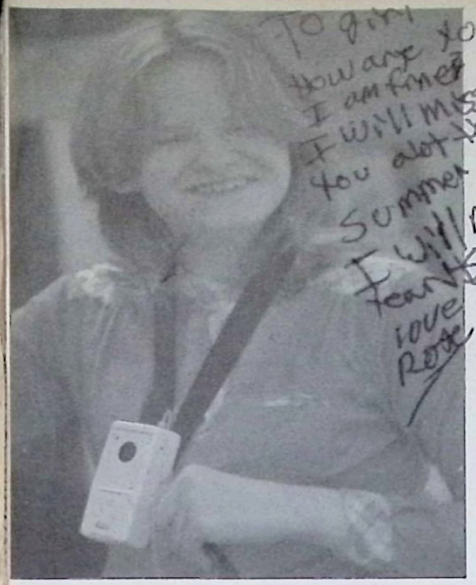


Michael Carter — Bellows Falls, Vt.

Upper I



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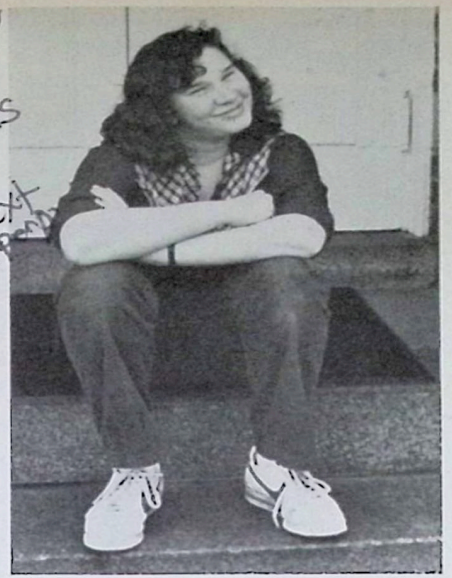

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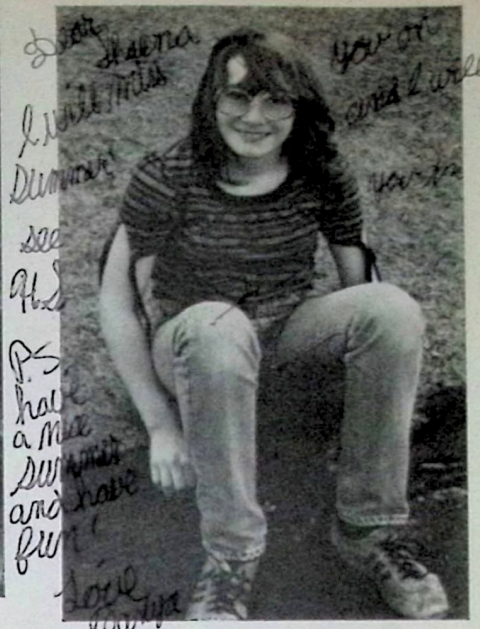

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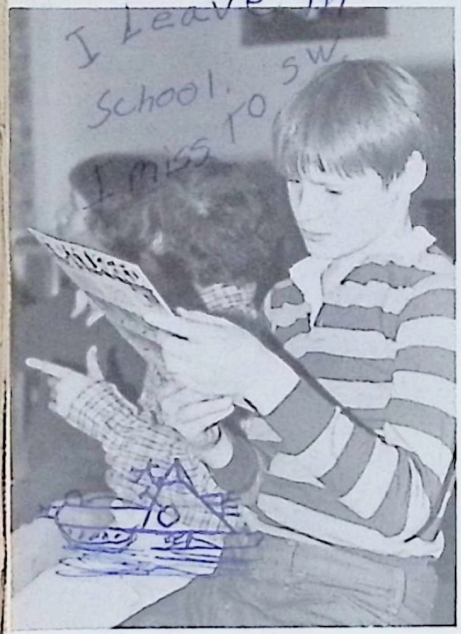

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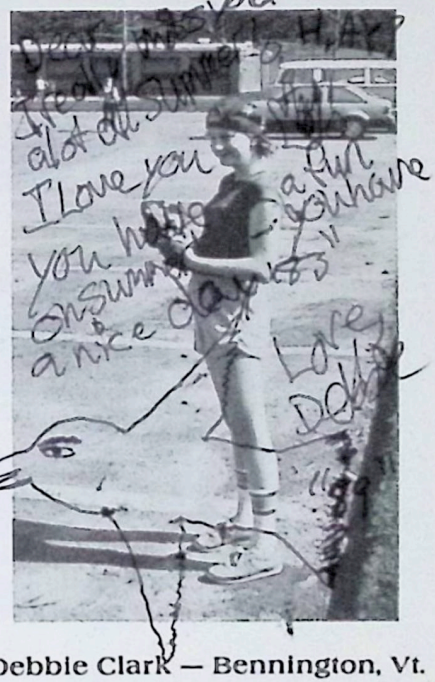
Lori Usle — Barre, Vt.



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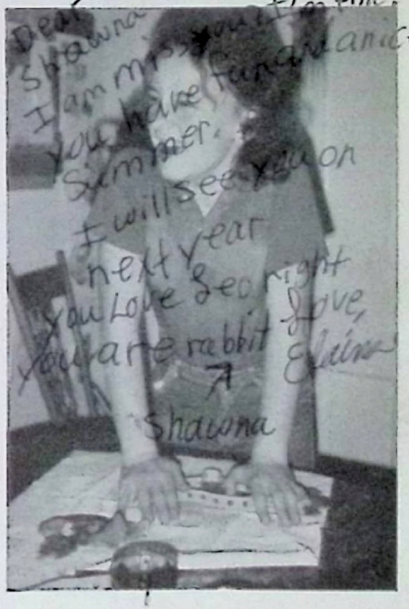

Elaina Lapine — Windsor, Vt.

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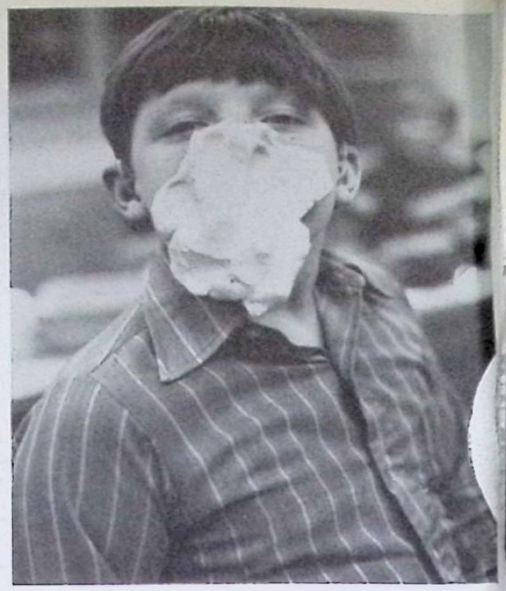

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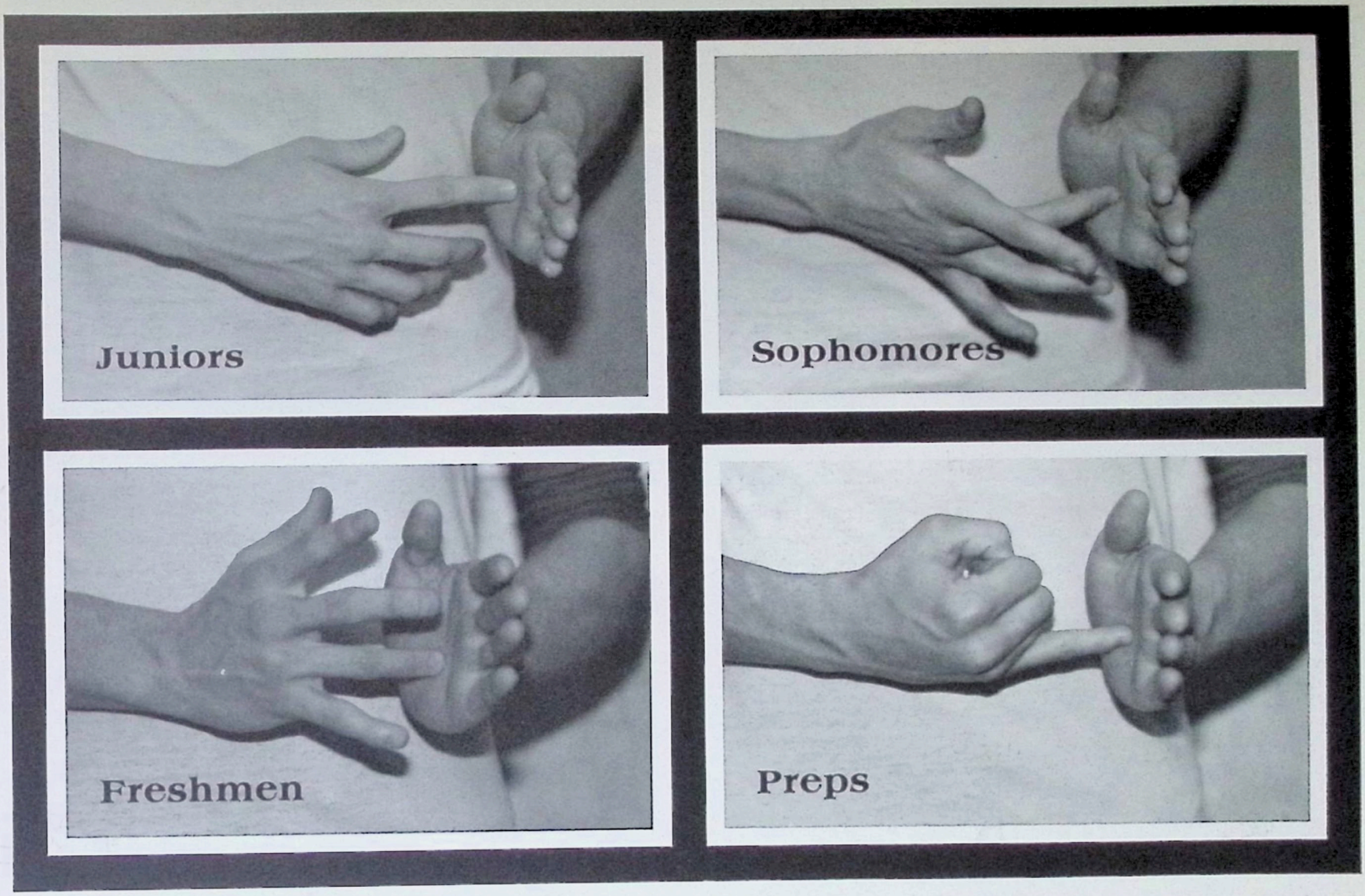

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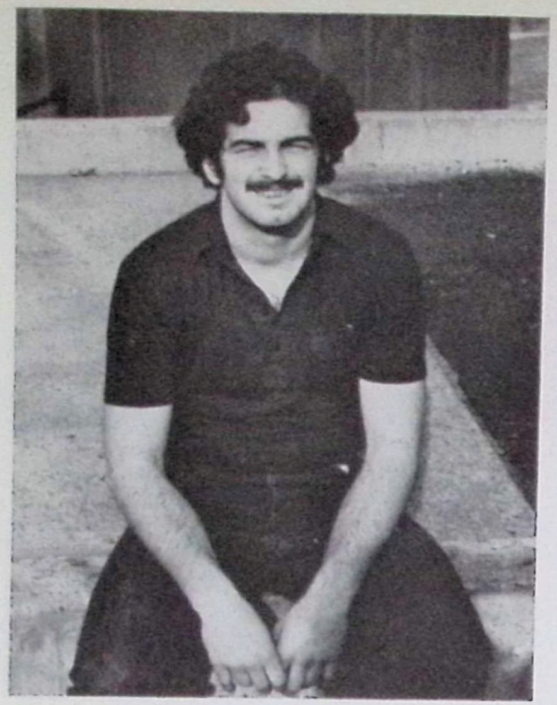

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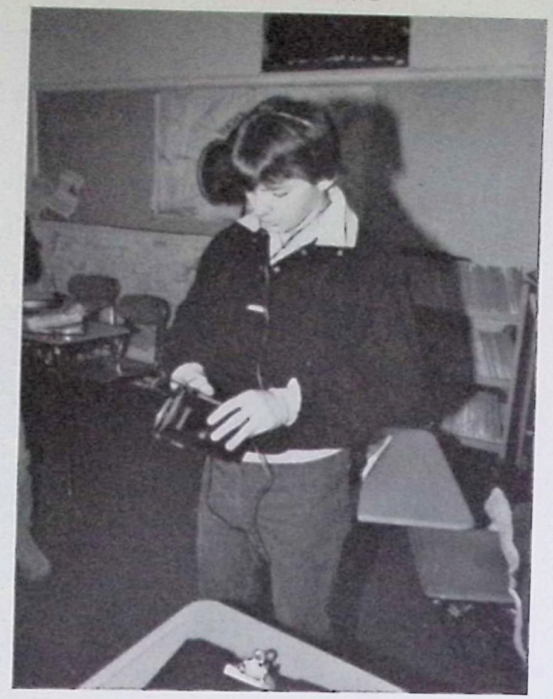

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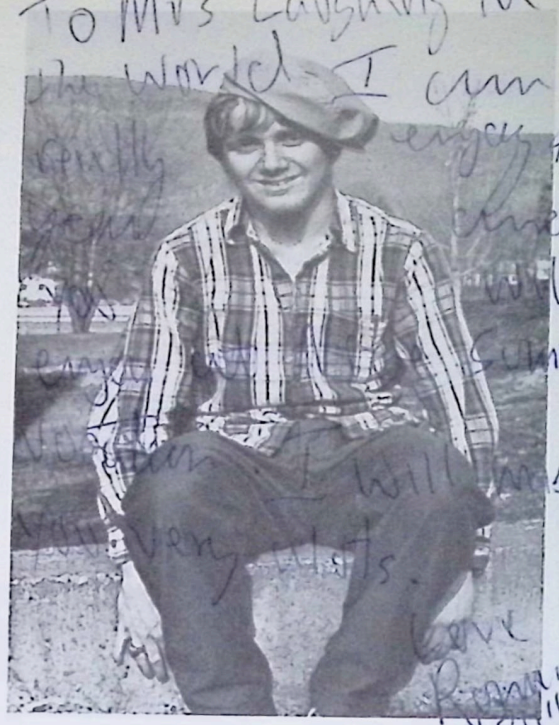

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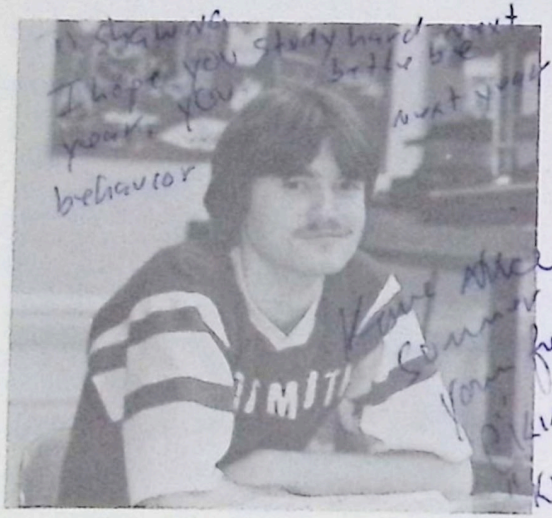
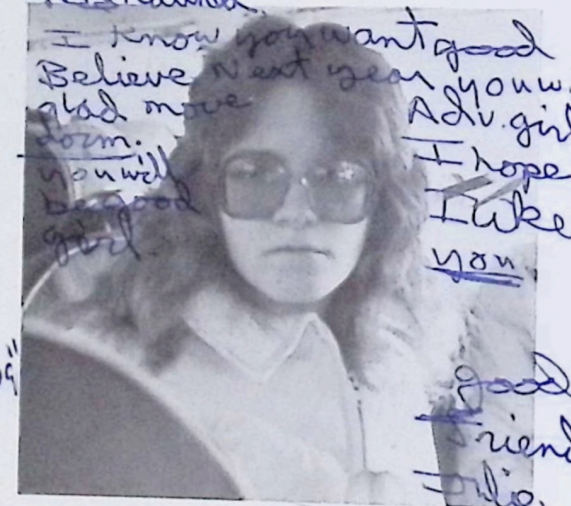


Creighton King — North Pomfret, Vt., Class Treasurer



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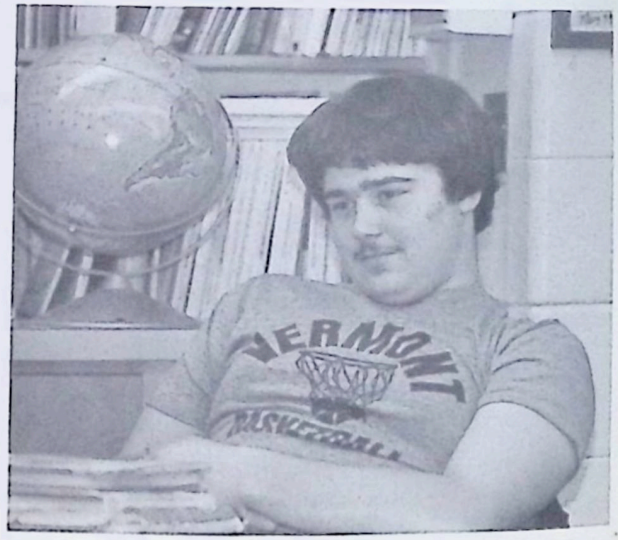
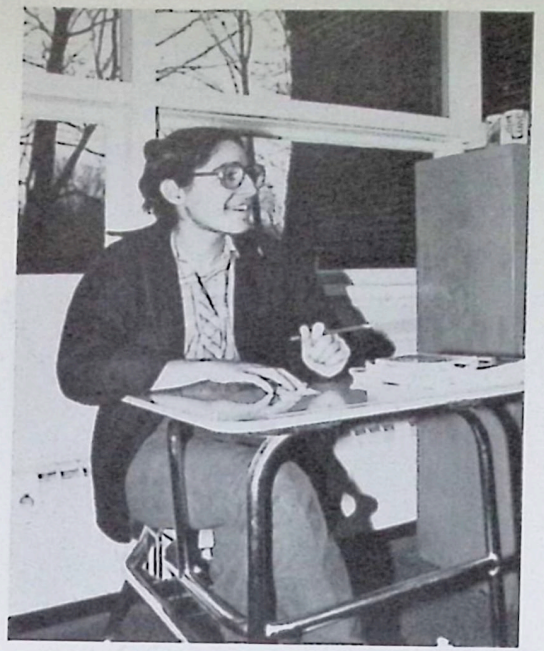
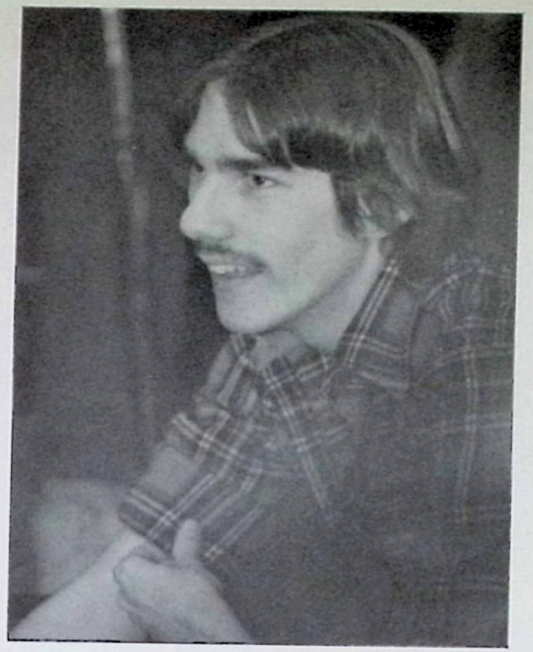


David Muise — Framingham, Mass., Class President



Beth Matta — Gloucester, Mass.



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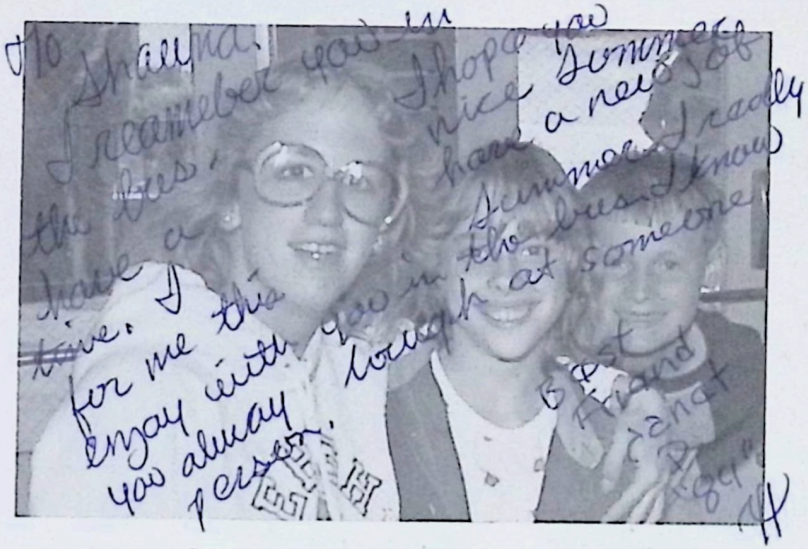
Cheryl Parks — Newburyport, Mass., Class Secretary



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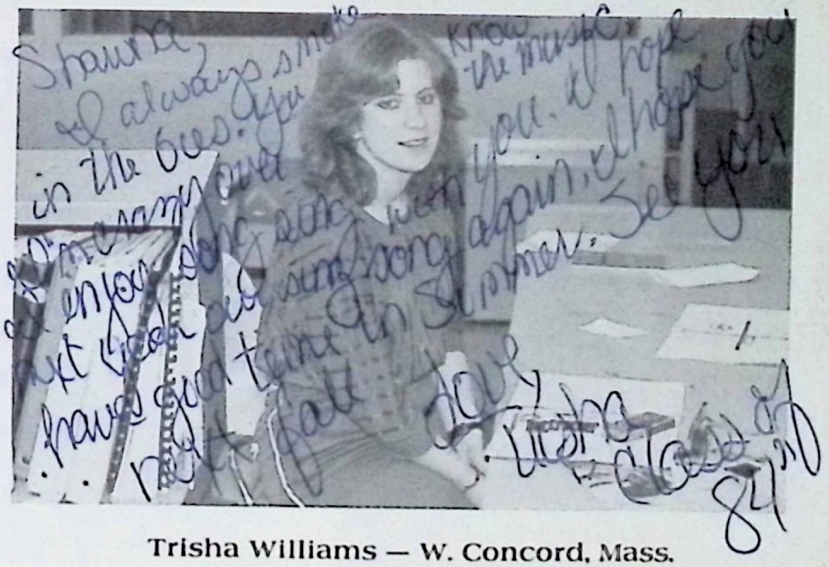

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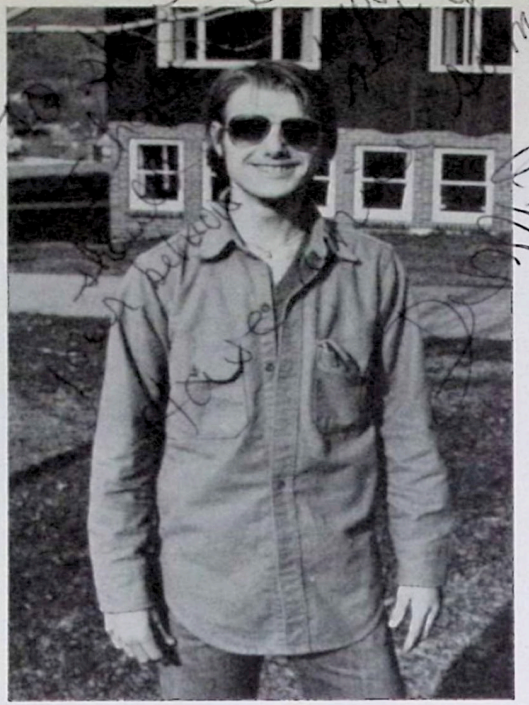
Susan Barbour — Nashua, N.H.



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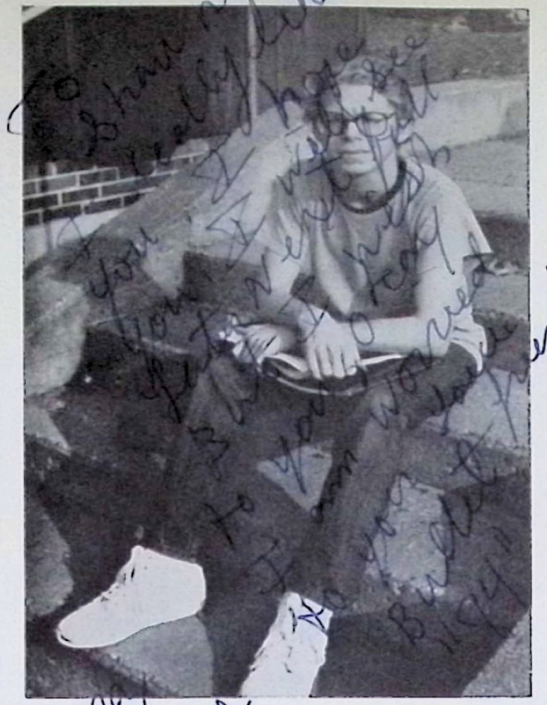

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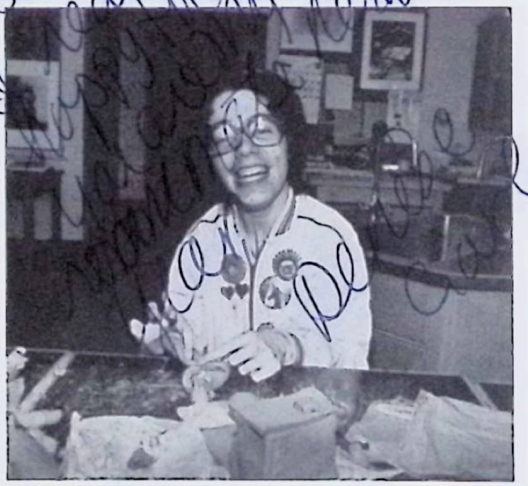
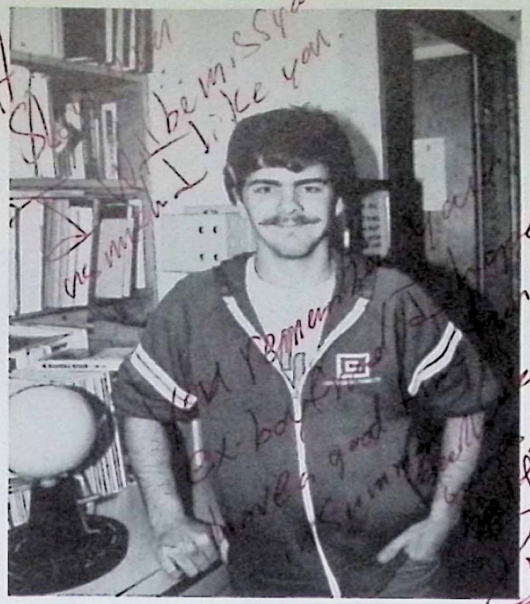
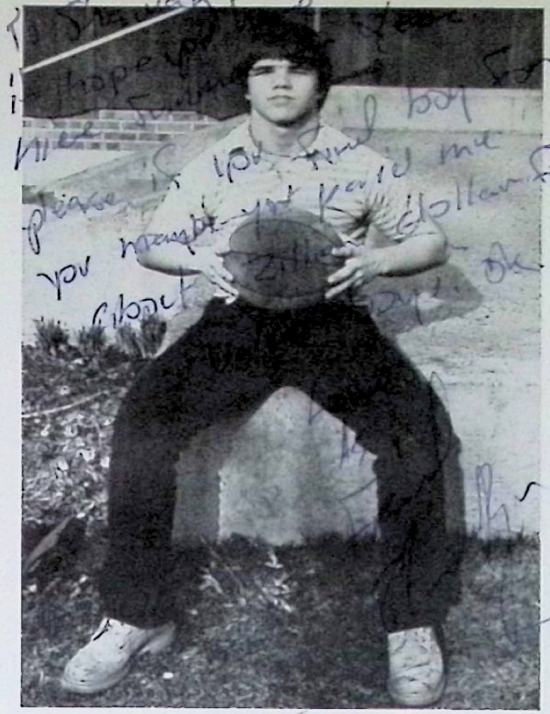


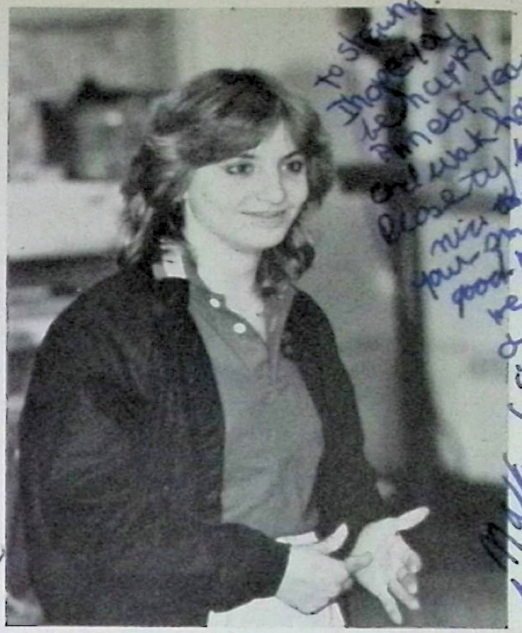
Denise Clavola — Clinton, Mass.



Brian Quinlan — Framingham, Mass.

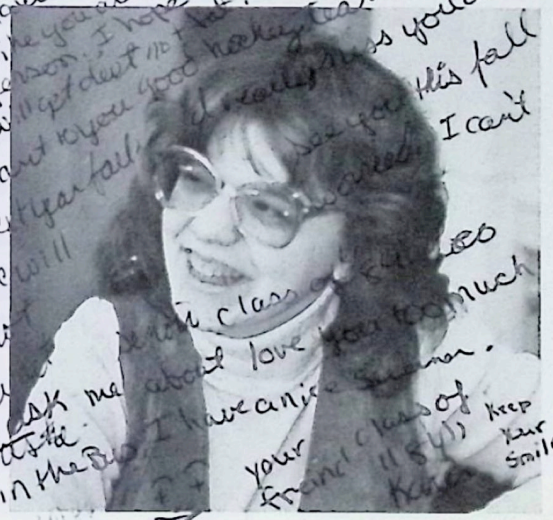


Steve Regan — Cochituate, Mass.

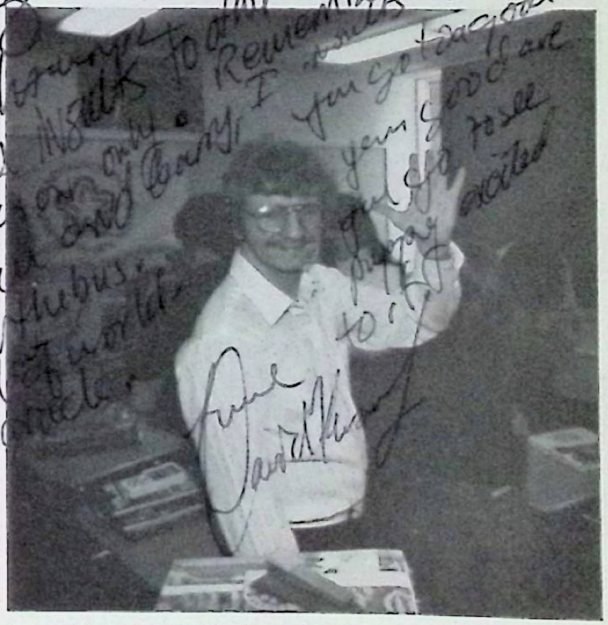


Heidi Swenson — Millbury, Mass.

Ellen Smith — Peterborough, N.H., Class Vice President

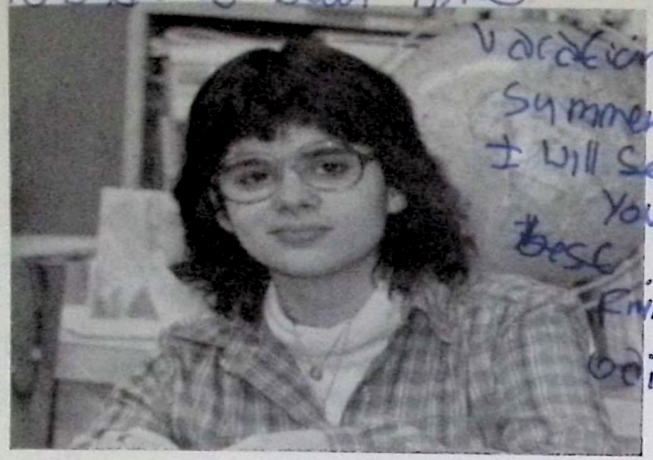


Karen Page — Littleton, N.H.

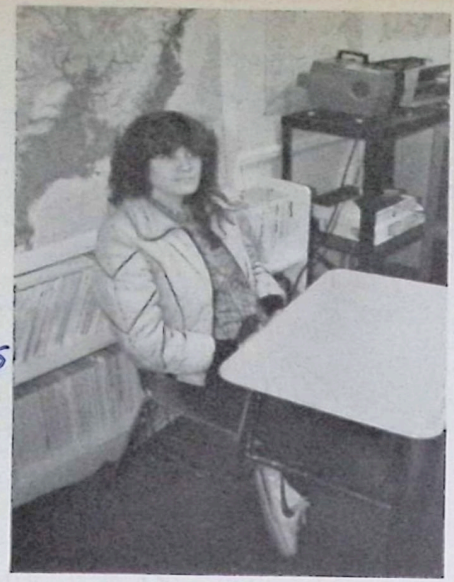


David Kisiel — Methuen, Mass.

Sophomores

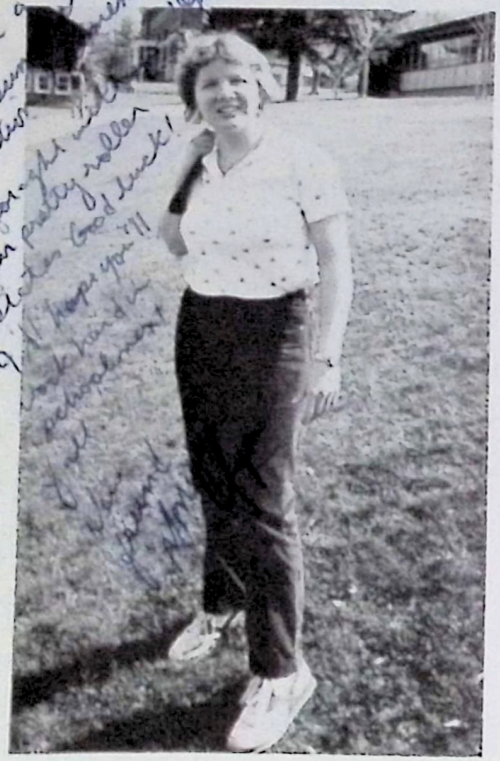


Gail Weeden — Greenfield, Mass.

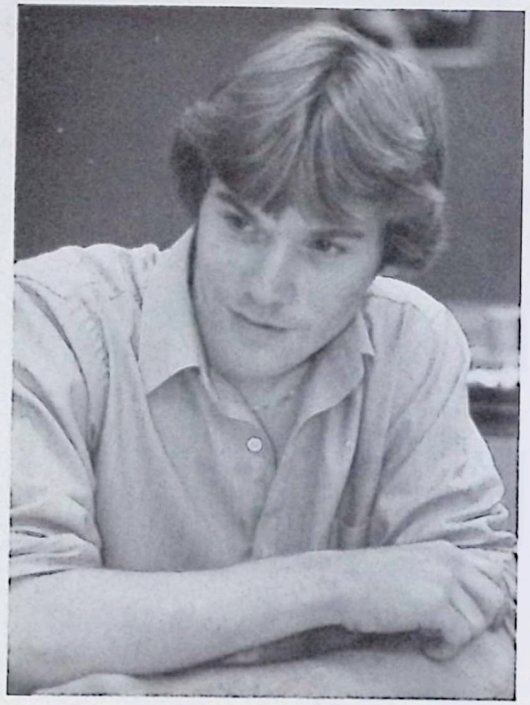


Caroline Byrnes — Framingham, Mass.

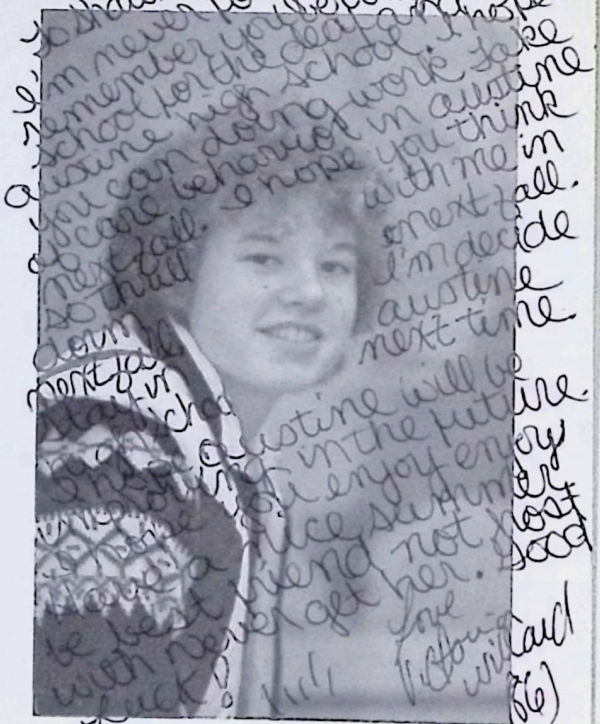
James Clark — Bennington, Vt., Class President



Monique Lyon — Adams, MA



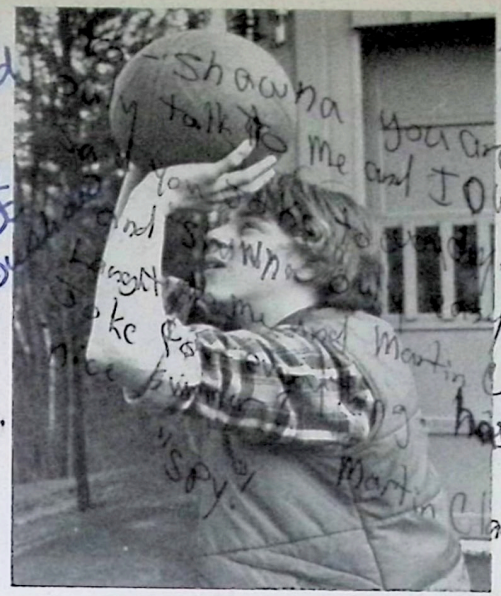
James Gregoire — Colchester, Vt., Class Vice-President



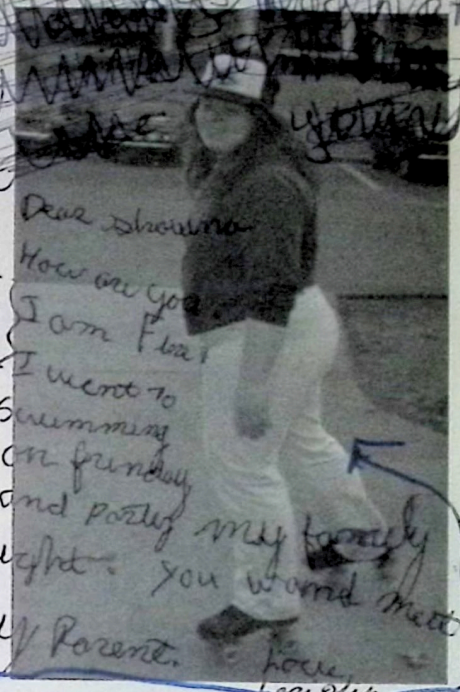
Vicki Willard — Beverly, Mass.

Freshmen

erry Thomas — Shelburne, Vt. Cheryl Bushaw — Perkinsville, Vt.



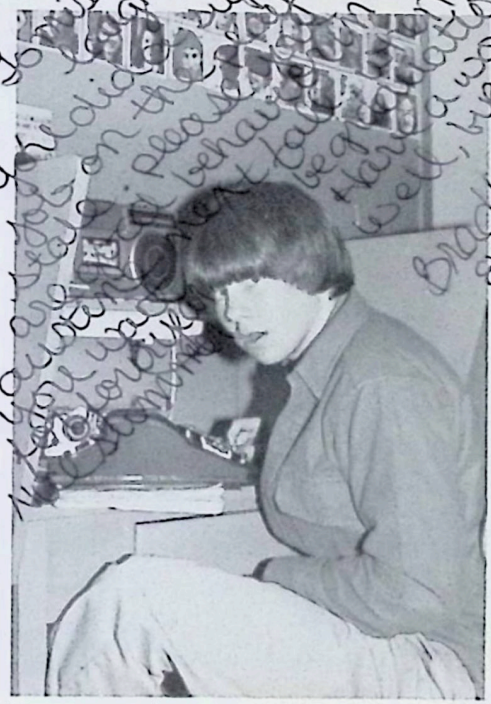
Martin Clark — Bennington, Vt.



Shawna Curtsinger — Lowell, Mass.

George Lareau — Burlington, Vt., Class President

Anthony Deprete — Millers Falls, Mass.

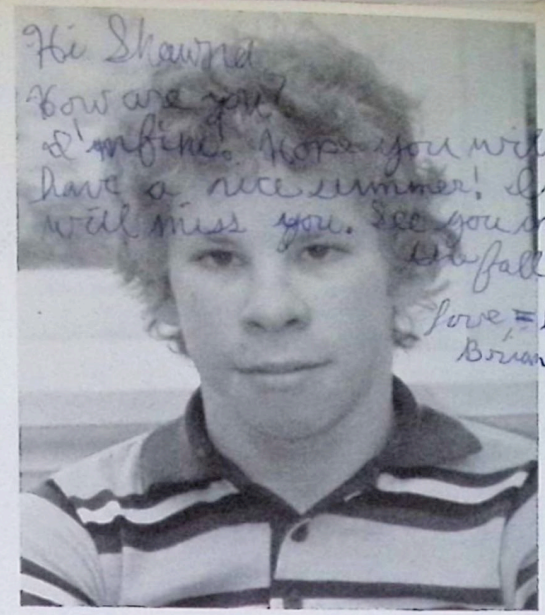


Brad Hammond — Center Conway, N.H.

Alfred Longe — Alstead, N.H., Treasurer and Secretary, Vice-President

Jeffery Rowland — Bellows Falls, Vt.

Merci Billings — Brandon, Vt.



Brian Donnelly — Vernon, Vt.

Preps

Shelly Bevins — E. Arlington, Vt.

Kathy Achilles — Brattleboro, Vt.

Stanley Sanders — Gilsum, N.H.,
Class President

Heidi Meyerrose
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Shawna-

Good luck and lose Weight this summer OK?

Love Heidi

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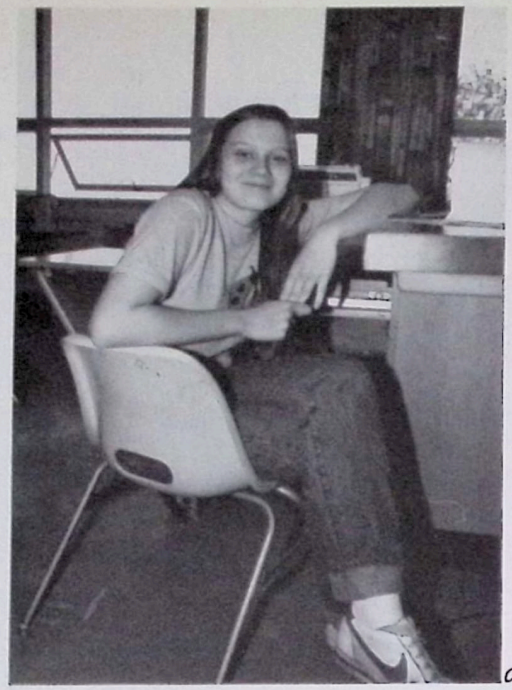
Tracy L. Austin



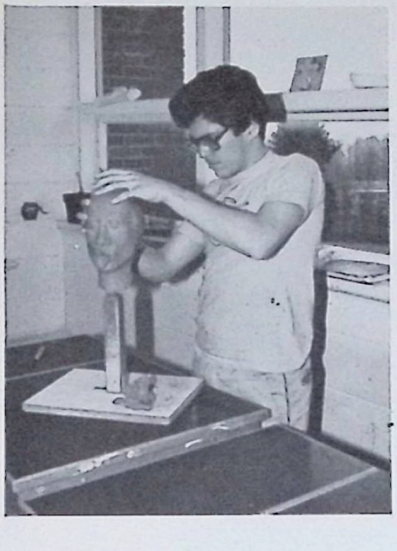
1979-80 — Cheerleading
1980-81 — Cheerleading
1981-82 — Field Hockey
1982-83 — Field Hockey, Student Council

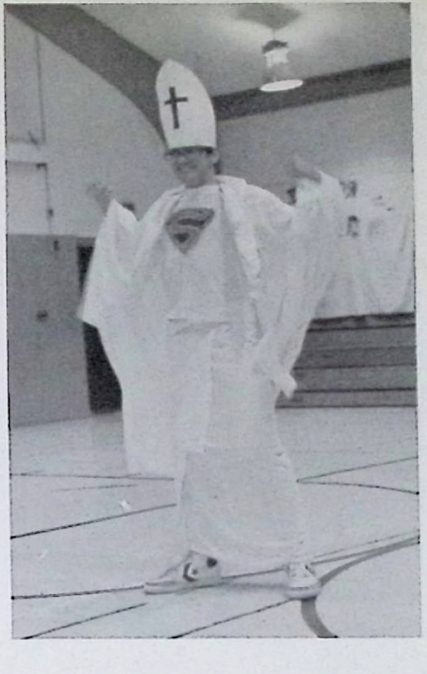
To Shawna
I enjoyed you
laughing in Stu
Conrcil. Beagood
in Gow Our Room
I will go to Colla vdet
college. keep up your
study. Tracy

TRACY AUSTIN . . . Tracy wears a mask except on Halloween night. She is interested in fashion and design. Even when she doesn't finish her homework she has very fancy homework papers.

Keene, N.H.

Tom J. Byrnes





1979-80 — J.V. Soccer, J.V. Basketball
1980-81 — Varsity Soccer, J.V. Basketball
1981-82 — Varsity Soccer, M.V.P.; Varsity Basketball
1982-83 — Varsity Soccer, Best Defensive Player; Varsity Basketball

THOMAS BYRNES . . . Yawned through his freshman ar
sophomore year of high school and slept through his juni
and senior year. Knocked out two teeth when his head hi
desk during the second semester of his senior year. Hopes
go to college.

laughter,
I can see
you that always
laugh and laugh
when people tell
jokes or act funny.
I like see you
to laugh to loss
weigh than yet
diet. ha

Be good Girl, Keep
keep in shape on
field hockey

Somerville, Ma.

Polly A. Dicranian

To Shawna,
I really enjoy
with you. I hope
that you would be
I improve in school next fall.
I had an experience at Austin
I still love Wayne D.! I know!
that you still love bee Lee! right! I'll
graduate and great times-tomorrow!
have a Someday next fall!
'll see you but possible.
great Keep
time! smile
Polly D.
"83

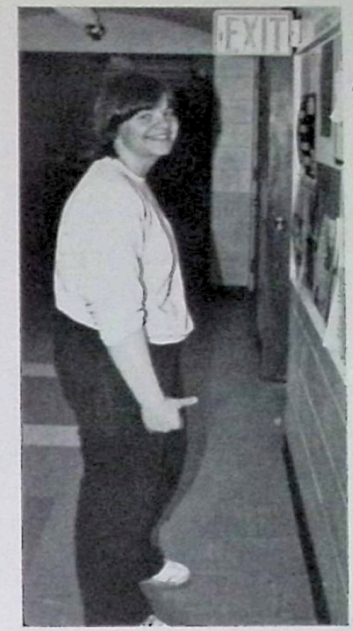
1979-80 — Cheerleading, Jr. N.A.D.
1980-81 — Field Hockey, Jr. N.A.D.
1981-82 — Field Hockey, Varsity Basketball
1982-83 — Field Hockey, Varsity Basketball,
Dorm Council Treasurer Yearbook Staff.

POLLY DICRANIAN . . . Never gets upset. Never crys. Never laughs. Never changes her mood except on a Monday . . . Tuesday . . . Wednesday . . . Thursday . . . Friday . . . Saturday . . . and Sunday—January through December!

Has been at Austine for 16 years. Plans to work after graduation.

Pownal, Vt.

Katherine A. Evans



1980-81 — Field Hockey
1982-83 — Field Hockey

KATHY EVANS . . . Believes that every sunny day brings rain. Loves people to tell her what to do. She is profoundly deaf but can hear what people say! Never complains to her mother.

Would like to attend school to learn to be a hairdresser.

Medford, Ma.

Shawna,

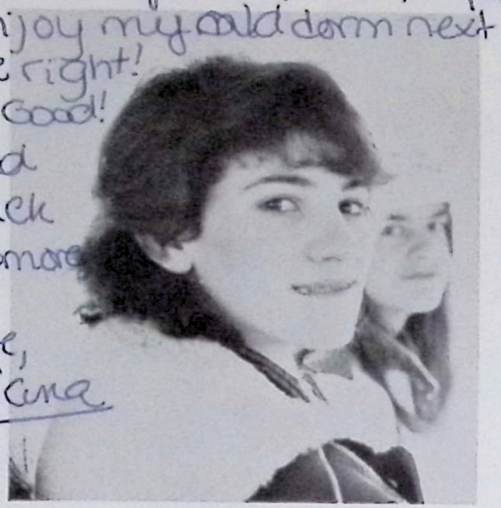
I miss ya alot.
I really like you a
I hope you work
hard in school,
Stay with Le
Baker for lon
time.

Love
Katherin

232 Riverside Ave
Medford, Mass
02155

Diana,
I know you alright
with billions of laughters
and spirit were so loud
that kills my ears! Well, hope
you enjoy my cold dorm next year!
Behave right!
Okay? Good!
Bye and
good luck
n sophomore
year!
Love,
Diana

Diana M. Fournier



1980-81 — Field Hockey, Sophomore Representative to Student Council
1981-82 — Class Secretary; Cheerleading (Co-Capt.); Yearbook Staff
1982-83 — Manager — Girls Basketball

DIANA FOURNIER . . . Thinks she's Lady D. Hopes to marry a King from any country. She likes expensive clothes, Austine stationery, typewriters and hopes to work as a secretary in a school some day.

Plans to attend Nothern Essex Community College to major in the secretary-accounting field.

Medford, Ma.

Wanda E. Gomez

1980-81 — Varsity Girls Basketball, Field Hockey
1981-82 — Varsity Girls Basketball
1982-83 — Varsity Girls Basketball, Field Hockey. Coaches Award.

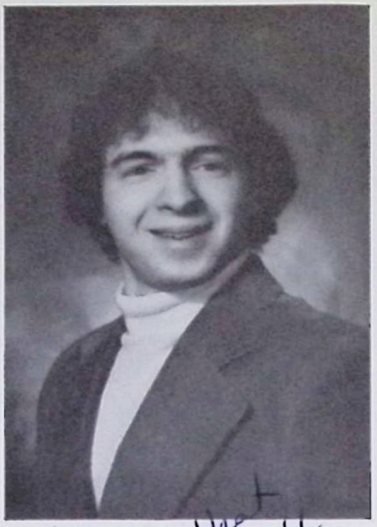
WANDA GOMEZ... Talks one mile an hour. Loves farms and is afraid of big cities. Wants to work in a Maple Sugar factory.

Would like to attend Northern Essex Community College or get a job.

Dear Shawna
you always laugh
in my bus because
Garry and David were
Joke of you right.
you love
Leo because
I saw you
that you
kiss with
Leo. I
you alot
really
you
B
fr

Lawrence, Ma.

Kevin R. Hopkins



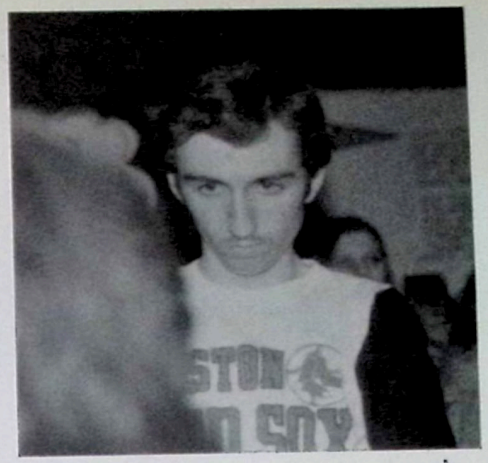
1979-80 — Varsity Soccer, J.V. Basketball
1980-81 — Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball
1981-82 — Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball
1982-83 — Varsity Soccer, M.V.P., Varsity Basketball, M.V.P.

KEVIN HOPKINS . . . Made 1,000 points in Basketball during the Basketball season and only 16 credits in study! Kevin wants to go to Gallaudet College to learn how to be a farmer. He thinks cows love educated farmers.

Shawna,
Good thing the
I know you remember
I will miss you.
Keep chase with
many boys. Ha!
See you in the
Future.
Love
Kevin

Craftsbury, Vt.

Garry R. Lafrenier



Shawna,
Hi, Mrs. Gough
I know you told me
that u do good work
all the time
and nice to
other people
well
Hope see
you in
Summer
and hope still
with Leo in
1984.
Good Luck!
your friend
Garry 11/1983

1981-82 — Soccer Manager, Basketball Manager
1982-83 — Soccer Manager

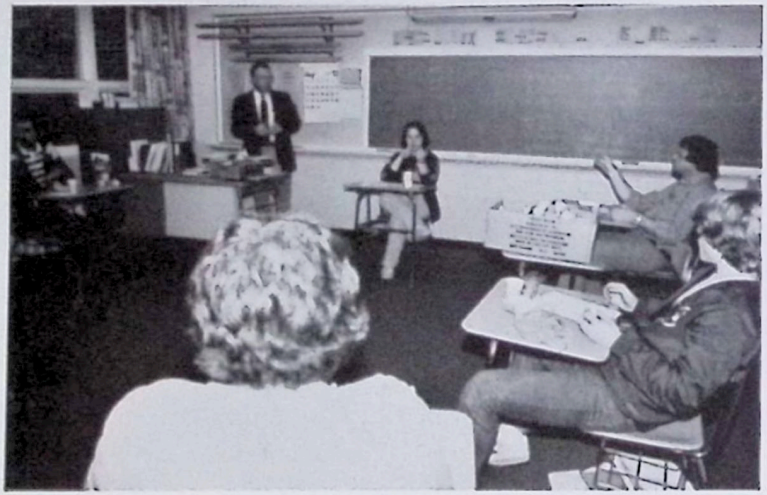
GARRY LAFRENIER . . . Garry "Fingers" Lafrenier. His fingers are so long he can't spell short words and his nose is so long he can't see his fingers! But he has a good heart and will make a good librarian.

Would like to attend Northern Essex Community College.

Methuen, Ma.

Deborah J. McKinney

Shawna,
Hope you have a
nice summer. Be good, and
work hard in school next
year. Sometimes in the
near future

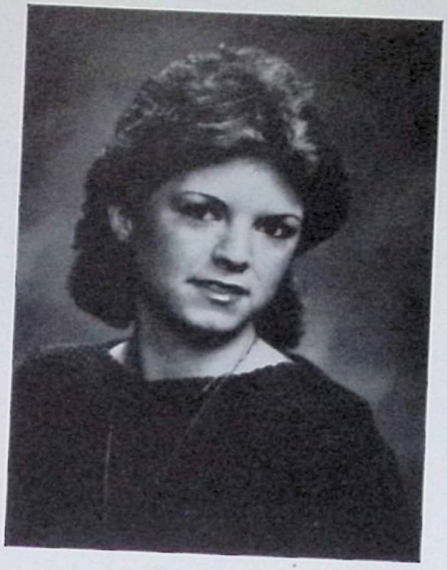


1979-80 — Varsity Girls Basketball, Student Council
1980-81 — Varsity Girls Basketball, Varsity Soccer, Student Council, Jr. N.A.D.
1981-82 — Varsity Girls Basketball, Field Hockey, Student Council Vice-President
1982-83 — Varsity Girls Basketball, Field Hockey, Student Council President, M.V.P.

DEBBIE McKINNEY . . . Talks all the time. Has so much to say that she uses speech, fingerspelling and Indian sign language. Loves basketball but doesn't like basketball tournaments. Will go to college.

Derry, N.H.

Chrissy M. Potter



1981-82 — Cheerleader
1982-83 — B.U.H.S. Vocational Training Program

CHRISSY POTTER ... Austine School's favorite Clarke student. She loves signs (Stop . . . Right Turn . . . Exit . . . Men in Trees). Uses stilts when she "talks" to the King.

Plans to go to T.V.I. in St. Paul, Minnesota.

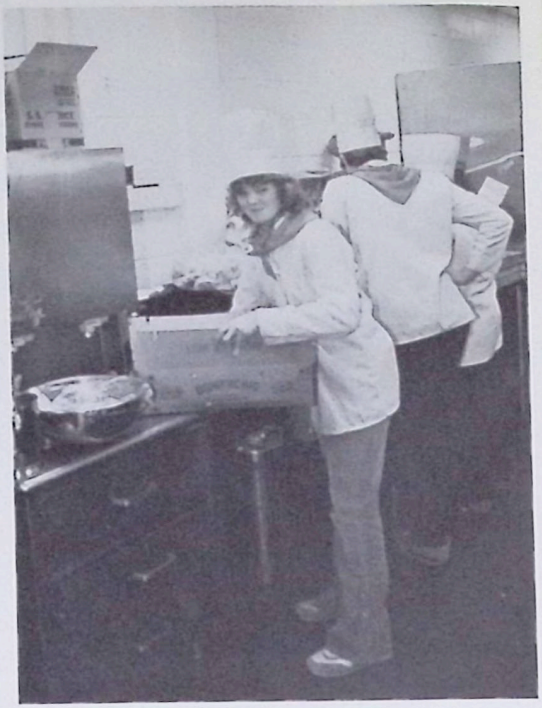
Hopedale, Ma.

Shawna,
I'm glad to know you were in my math class. I hope that you'll have a good experience in school & your life, - miss
Lou
Chri
'83
midget

Robin A. Peterson

Shawna
I enjoy
getting to know
you better and I
hope you have
good summer and
good future ahead
of you.

From
Robin



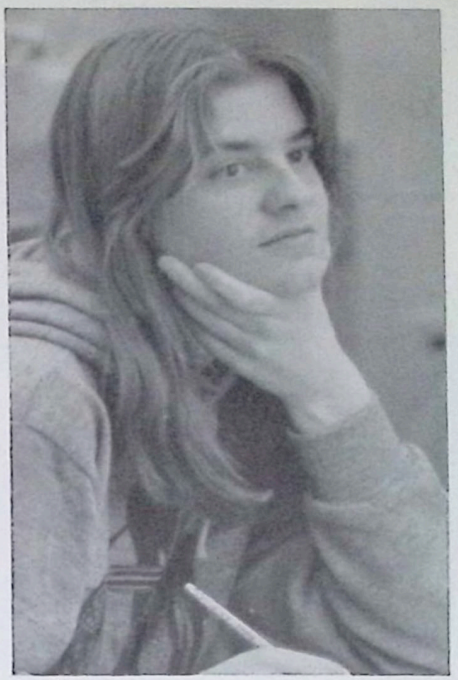
ROBIN "BIRD" PETERSON . . . Austine's red-head and Massachusetts' cook of the year. Lives in Vermont on vacations.

1980-81 — Varsity Basketball Manager
1982-83 — Secretary, Senior Class, B.U.H.S. Vocational Program

Leominster, Ma.

Susan J. Schruender

SHHH... I NOTICE YOU ALWAYS LAUGH AT THE TIME! YOU SHOULD GO TO DOCTOR TO TAKE OFF YOUR VOICE. I WON'T HAVE LAUGH ANY MORE! SUSAN S.



1981-82 — Varsity Girls Basketball
1982-83 — Varsity Girls Basketball

SUSAN SCHRUENDER . . . Horses around in Art. She's a young filly kicking up her heels and looking for greener pastures after Austine. She wants to marry a deaf Italian stallion!

Methuen, Ma.

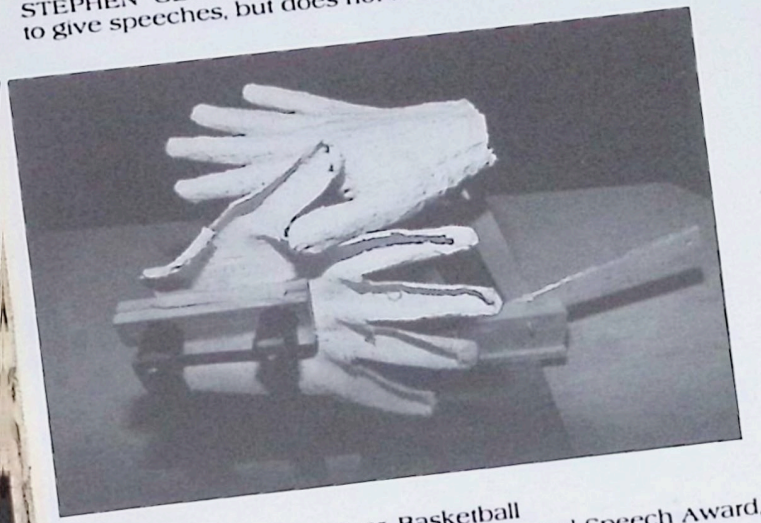
Cynthia J. Spaulding

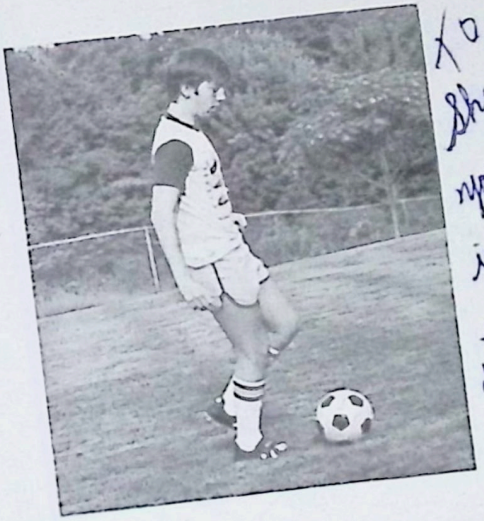
N. Walpole, N.H.

CINDY SPAULDING... Loves to work with leather! Punches art belts, not people. Wants to open her own leather shop for deaf people in NH.

Stephen M. St. Germain

STEPHEN "GERMAN" ST. GERMAIN . . . Enjoys dancing, loves to give speeches, but does not talk or sign.



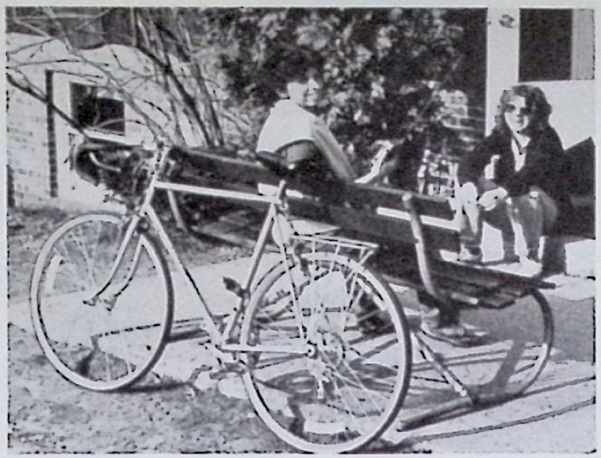


1980-81 — Varsity Soccer, Basketball
1981-82 — Varsity Soccer, Most Improved Speech Award, Basketball
1982-83 — Varsity Soccer, Most Improved Player, Coaches Award, Varsity Basketball, Most Improved Player

To Shawna,
you are fun pers
in the bus. Som
when you laugh
I heard your v
is fun. So I
you soon. En
it will
fun

Methuen, M

Kimberly M. Towsley



to Shawna
How are you? I am fine.
I Hope will see
You again visit on Vacation
Good Luck next year
for Year meet at me.
From
Kimberly
1983"

1979-83 — Helped set up for Blood Day

KIM TOWSLEY . . . Austine School's detective! Keeps an eye on everyone. She is a grandmother to J.S. and G.W. and hopes to go to work in a Post Office.

E. Dorset, Vt.

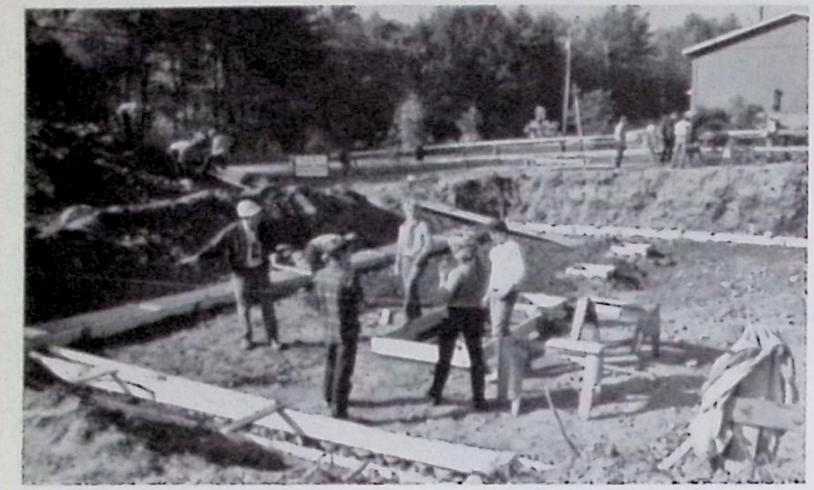
Bryan E. Watson

Shawna
Take Care of yourself and hope to see you
in future - Hope to see you in future.
Your friend
Bryan

1979-80 — J.V. Soccer, J.V. Basketball
1980-81 — Varsity Soccer, J.V. Basketball
1981-82 — Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball
1982-83 — Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball, B.U.H.S. Vocational Program

Bennington, Vt.

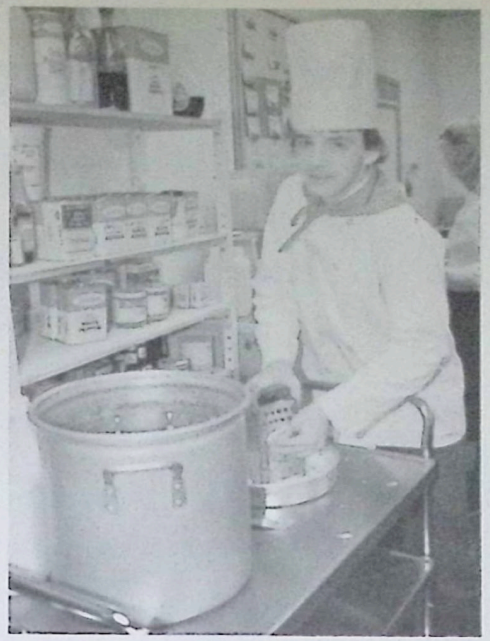
BRYAN WATSON . . . A great brain that he uses to keep his ears apart and his hair curly. He loves computers because he can't "program" his teachers to believe everything he says.

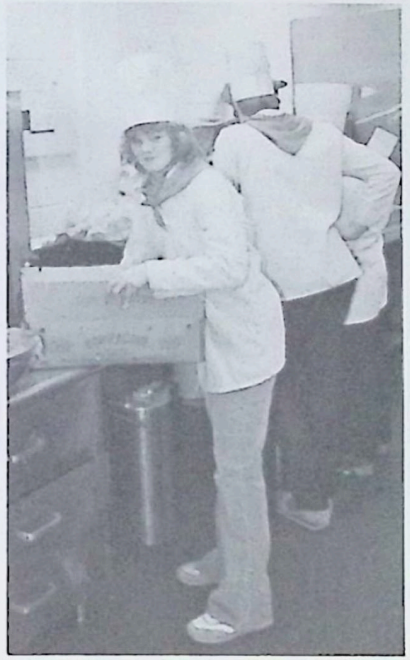


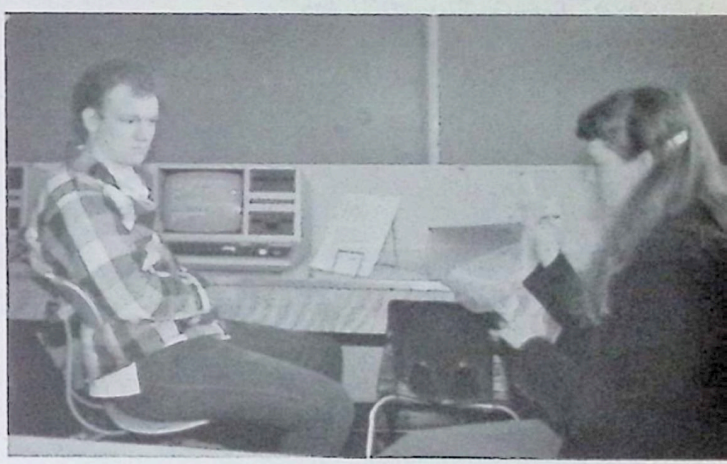
B.U.H.S. Vocational Program

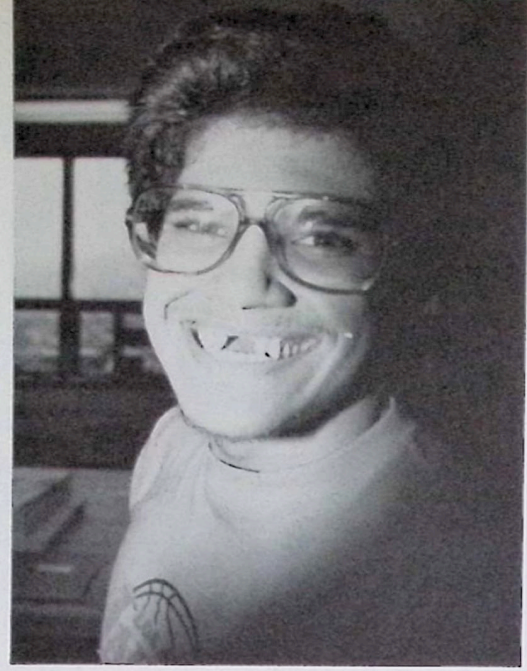
The Brattleboro Area Vocational Center offers a variety of courses each year. Juniors and Seniors from Austine School are eligible and often counseled to take these courses. Students are provided with a chance to attain certain skills as well as the opportunity to get a taste of the world of work. They may do this in an area that would be helpful to them after completion of their high school experience. Students who elect these courses are provided with interpreters, notetakers, and a full time co-ordinator to facilitate their success in the course.

For the 1982-1983 year, enrollment was as follows: David Muise, Bryan Watson and Billy Haley were enrolled in Graphic Arts Printing, Data Processing and Auto Mechanics, respectively. Chrissy Potter, Bobby Boggess and Robin Peterson took Quantity Foods Service. Finally Kevin Hopkins, Dennis Barbush and Chris Manning assisted in the completion of the Building Trades House.









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Sports

Standing, L. to R.: Coach J. Lacy, R. Greenia, H. Meyerrose, W. Gomez, V. Willard, C. Spaulding, T. Austin, T. Rogenski.
Kneeling, L. to R.: D. Clark, S. Schruender, J. Smith, B. Matta, K. Achilles, P. Dicranian, D. McKinney.
Seated L. to R.: E. Lapine, D. Warner, S. Curtsinger, K. Page, R. Barnes, L. Usle.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey

This year the girls field hockey team lost heavily to five teams early in the season. When Austine played them again, we reduced the score difference, indicating the improved play of our squad.

With a squad of nineteen players, we had many new young members having their first experience playing field hockey. They worked very hard with their ability. We will lose seven good players, Tracy Austin, Polly Dicranian, Wanda Gomez, Beth Matta, Debbie McKinney, Susan Schruender, and Cindy Spaulding, next year. I am very proud of all the players who worked and played very hard and tried their best with their ability and strength.

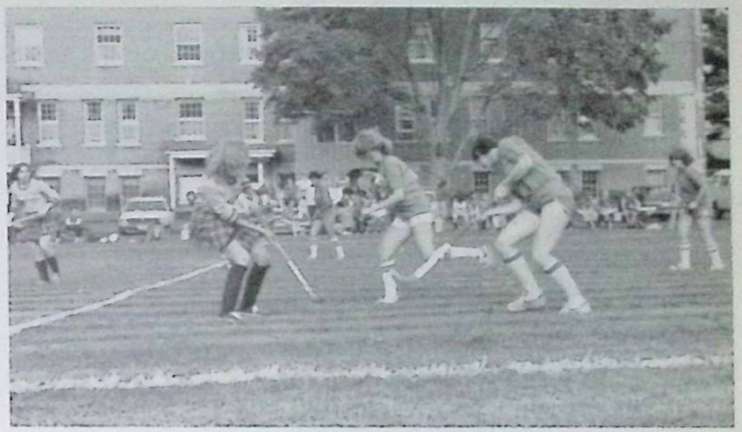
I hope all the new members will return and continue improving their skills next year.

Jean Lacy, Coach

Jean Lacy — Coach

Austine	Opponent	Score
0	Arlington	11
0	Whitingham	15
0	Wilmington	11
0	Mt. Anthony	11
0	Arlington	8
0	Whitingham	8
0	Putney	5
0	Green Mt.	15
0	Wilmington	10
1	Green Mt.	2
1	Mt. Anthony	4
1	Putney	7

Record: 0 wins 12 losses



Standing L. to R.: R. Virkstis, Coach, K. Hopkins, S. Regan, B. Haley, C. Manning, T. Byrnes, B. Watson, S. St. Germain, C. King, D. Barbush, G. Lafrenier, Mgr.
Kneeling L. to R.: J. Stevens, B. Quinlan, D. Mulse, B. Boggess, A. Longe, J. Thomas, D. Kislel.

Varsity Soccer

The Varsity Soccer Team finished the year with a 7 and 6 record. This was the best season for Austine in many years.

Our winning season was a combination of several things. We had several returning letter men; our team developed a better team spirit than has been true in the past and consequently worked harder; and finally we had some luck. There were some close games and we ended up on the lucky side.

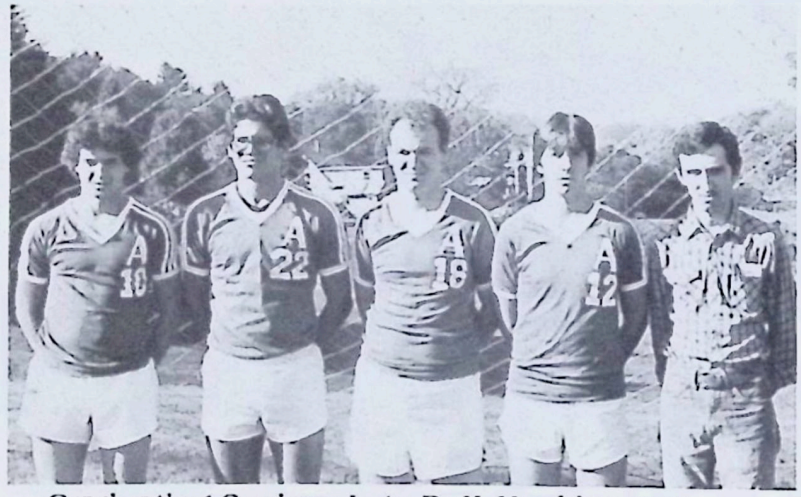
Our year might have been even more successful had we not been plagued with injuries: a broken finger, an injured knee and a broken leg all put several of our players on the sidelines.

It was a year of contrasts—more injuries yet Kevin Hopkins scored more goals (22) in a single season than anyone in the history of the Austine Soccer program. We will miss our graduating seniors Kevin Hopkins, Tom Byrnes, Bryan Watson, and Steve St. Germain. We wish them well. We look forward to the return of several starters from this year and trust that Austine will have a very competitive season in '83-'84.

R. Virkstis, Coach

Richard Virkstis — Coach

Austine	Opponent	Score
3	A.S.D.	0
2	Deerfield	7
0	Hinsdale JV	2
12	Putney JV	1
1	Eagle Brook	8
2	MT. Hermon	1
3	Deerfield	2
2	Hinsdale	4
3	A.S.D.	4
4	Eagle Brook	2
2	Putney JV	1



Graduating Seniors: L. to R.: K. Hopkins, T. Byrnes, B. Watson, S. St. Germain, G. Lafrenier

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Junior High Soccer

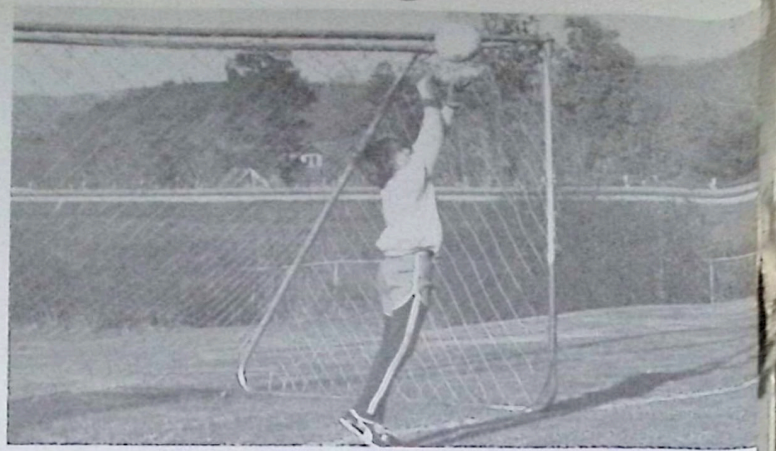
Standing L. to R.: Coach T. Fahner, L. Lord, B. Hammond, J. Thomas, A. Longe, G. Lareau, M. Clark, C. Baker, S. Sanders. Kneeling L. to R.: V. Annis, C. Labelle, L. Lawyer, T. Deprete, B. Werden, M. Carter, S. Green, D. Holmes.

This fall the athletic program started a junior high soccer program consisting of both boys and girls ranging from ages 9 to 15. The team played in the Dummerston League and played a nine game schedule, going winless all year. The league proved to be very hard, with many older, more experienced players in it. Nevertheless, we were involved in many close, exciting games: a 1 to 0 defeat to Westmoreland, a 3-2 loss to Greenwood, a 2-1 loss to Linden Hill School, and a 1 to 0 loss to Dummerston. The young Arrows developed their soccer skills and game sense throughout their nine games.

The older boys who contributed were goalie Martin Clark, center forward George Lareau (2 goals), halfback Jerry Thomas (2 goals), and fullbacks Al Longe and Tony Deprete. Some of the outstanding younger players were, Stan Sanders, Kevin Pillsbury (1 goal), Mike Palmer and Lyman Lawyer, all returning to the 1983 team.

This year proved to be a fine learning experience as the players improved their skills and game awareness, while demonstrating fine sportsmanship. We hope they will continue to improve themselves so that as they get older they will be more prepared for varsity play.

Tom Fahner, Coach



Austine	Opponent	Score
0	Westmoreland	1
1	Putney	3
0	Marlborough, NH	6
2	Greenwood	3
1	Linden Hill School	2
0	Chesterfield	7
0	Guilford	4
0	Dummerston	1
1	Linden Hill School	2

Standing L. to R.: Coach L. Ruggles, K. Achilles, L. Emond.
Kneeling L. to R.: K. Page, S. Barbour, M. Billings.
Missing: H. Meyerrose, P. Williams.

Austine Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders worked many hard hours this year. All four new cheerleaders (Kathy, Heidi, Merci, and Tricia) showed BIG improvements, and Lisa (Captain), Sue, and Karen were GREAT teachers. We had a very busy schedule with away games, the ESDAA Tournament, and one weekend in Rhode Island and Maine. During all of these experiences, the girls' super pep attitude, and cooperation made me feel *very* proud to be their coach.

From green cookies to long bus rides (S-P-I-R-I-T), this years' cheerleaders were #1 for laughing and working together!

Linda Ruggles, Coach

Standing L. to R.: Coach D. Powers, S. Regan, D. Barbush, J. Clark, B. Watson, T. Byrnes, J. Gregoire, S. St. Germain, K. Hopkins, Asst. Coach, T. Fahner.
Kneeling L. to R.: D. Kisiel, Mgr., G. Lareau, B. Boggess, B. Desautels, D. Muise, C. King.

This year the Austine Basketball team did not do very well with a record of 3 wins and 15 losses and 8th place in Eastern Schools for the Deaf Tournament in Scranton, Pennsylvania. However I am proud to say that the squad for the third straight year won the Sportsmanship Award at the tournament.

Three starters for this year were sidelined. Tom Byrnes, a senior, and James Clark, a sophomore, were injured during the soccer season. Bob Boggess, a senior, was unable to play due to illness. Missing these players hurt the team the most.

The members of the Varsity Squad were (seniors) Kevin Hopkins, Steve St. Germain, Bryan Watson, and Dennis Barbush; (juniors) Creighton King, Steve Regan, and David Muise; (sophomores) James Gregoire, and George Lareau. The manager for this year was Al Longe.

Kevin Hopkins had a pretty good season. He reached 1,000 points, adding his name to a list of 6 students who reached 1,000 points in the past. Kevin this year made 624 points and tied Daryl Wetzel's record 50 points in one game. Kevin's average points per game was 32.1 this year.

It wasn't a good season; we had some tough luck, but we learned and experienced and I am pretty sure that next year we will have a good squad.

Coach Don Powers presents game ball to Kevin Hopkins after Hopkins became the 6th student to score 1,000 points in 4 years of Varsity play.

Varsity Basketball

B. Watson, S. St. Germain, G. Lareau

Varsity Basketball Team & Cheerleaders leave for the Eastern Tourney in Scranton, Pa.

Austine	vs	Opponents
60	A.S.D.	94
60	Green Mt.	65
62	Whitingham	80
73	Whitcomb	78
59	Rochester	75
69	Deerfield	77
83	Rhode Island	87
67	Maine	62
40	Putney	43
59	Whitcomb	54
74	Wilmington	105
31	Whitingham	48
54	A.S.D.	74
46	Deerfield	49
56	Wilmington	84
75	Rochester	78
38	Whitingham	87
64	Putney	58

Standing L. to R.: A. Longe, J. Thomas, C. Manning, G. Lareau, D. Barbush, B. Hammond, Coach T. Fahner. Kneeling L. to R.: J. Stevens, S. Sanders, T. Deprete, B. Quinlan.

T. Fahner — Coach

JV Basketball

This year the Junior Varsity played a seventeen game schedule, with a record of 1 and 16. The victory was over the Rhode Island School for the Deaf 42-27. This year's team consisted of many young players who lacked game experience. This lack of experience combined with key injuries and discipline problems, contributed to a very difficult season. The season did prove to be a fine learning experience for the boys. All the playing time the younger boys received helped them improve both their basketball skill and court maturity.

James Gregoire, George Lareau, Dennis Barbush and Chris Manning proved to be the main force offensively and defensively. Among the younger boys who showed fine improvement were Stan Sanders, Martin Clark and Jerry Thomas. Look for these three boys to be next year's nucleus in junior varsity.

Austine	Opponent	Score
38	Newton	70
26	A.S.D.	52
24	Green Mt.	47
40	Whitingham	54
32	Whitcomb	74
37	Rochester	40
24	Newton	58
47	Rhode Island	27
34	Maine	49
38	Deerfield	68
33	Whitcomb	71
50	Wilmington	71
30	A.S.D.	56
45	Wilmington	54
48	Rochester	68
26	Whitingham	50
38	Eagle Brook	73

Standing L. to R.: L. Lord, J. Thomas, M. Clark, L. Baker, S. Sanders, Coach, G. Potter.
Seated L. to R.: L. Lawyer, S. Green, M. Palmer, M. Carter, B. Werden.

G. Potter — Coach

Junior High Basketball

The Junior High Boys Basketball team finished the season with 3 wins and 8 losses with a few close games toward the end of the season. We stressed fundamentals of the game and developing skills. We were in a league with Vermont and New Hampshire schools. Most of the boys were new to basketball, but they improved throughout the season. I am sure they will play well together next year.

Gary Potter, Coach

Austine	Opponent	Score
21	Chesterfield	31
37	Vernon	23
23	Putney	48
40	Westmoreland	29
43	Vernon	34
48	Marlboro	55
38	Dummerston	52
28	Chesterfield	46
27	Putney	39
22	Dummerston	47
29	Dummerston	33

Standing L. to R.: Coach J. Lacy, S. Schruender, C. Bashaw, V. Willard, W. Gomez, B. Matta, D. Fournier, Mgr.
Kneeling L. to R.: P. Dicranian, D. McKinney, J. Smith, J. Hay.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

The Lady Arrows played very well, worked hard and had very exciting games this season. They have continued to improve their ability to work together as a team and to develop their skills. They won only 2 games and lost 14 games.

This year four Vermont teams (Wilmington, Leland & Gray, Whitingham, and Austine School had a Christmas Tournament. In the opening game, Wilmington defeated Austine School 68-30. Then Austine defeated Whitingham 49-28 for third place. Debbie McKinney received an award for being one of the top five basketball players.

The Lady Arrows finished 7th in the E.S.D.A.A. Tourney at Governor Baxter, Maine. The team won the trophy for outstanding sportsmanship.

We will lose and miss five good players, seniors Polly Dicranian, Wanda Gomez, Beth Matta, Debbie McKinney, and Susan Schruender. Freshman Cheryl Bushaw, Juniors Julie Hay, JoEllen Smith, and Sophomore Victoria Willard are new members of the squad and will return next year.

Jean Lacy, Coach

Austine	Opponent	Score
27	Whitingham	38
40	A.S.D.	34
	Christmas Tournament	
30	Wilmington	68
49	Whitingham	28
36	Whitingham	38
22	Leland & Gray	49
68	Rhode Island	85
45	Cabot	58
30	Green Mountain	33
28	Wilmington	50
46	Wilmington	71
18	Leland & Gray	60
41	Arlington	96
13	Arlington	68
	E.S.D.A.A. Tournament	
28	Scranton	78
15	Gov. Baxter	29

Record: 2 Wins 14 Losses

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Activities

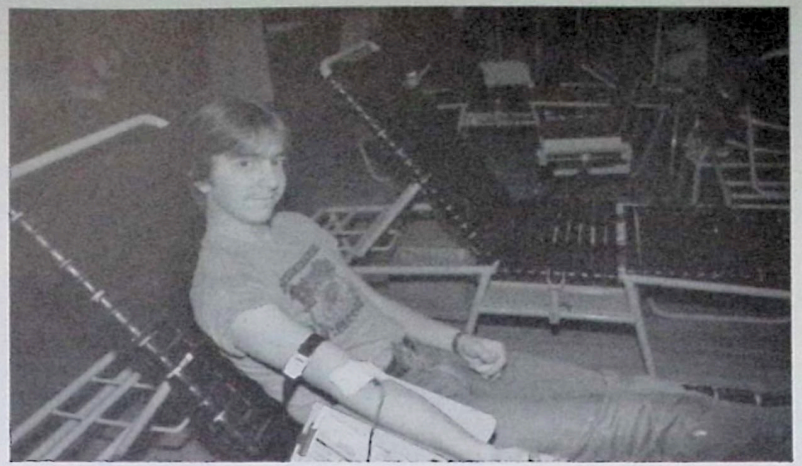
Setting Up for Blood Day

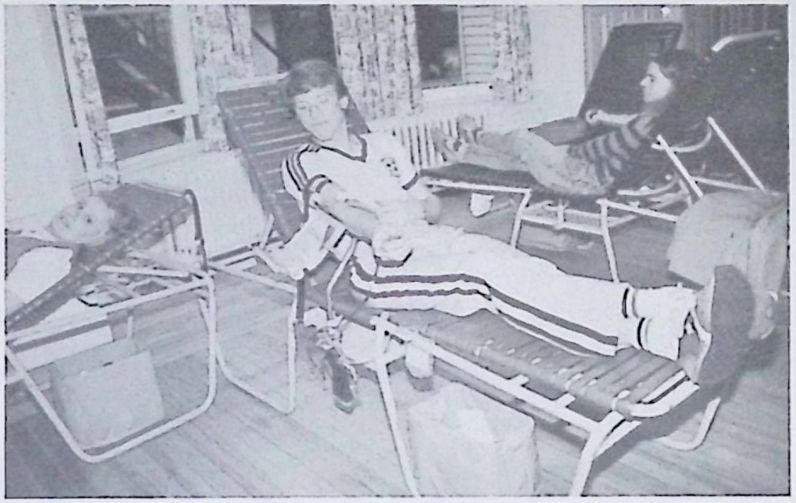
For the past five years Austine students have volunteered to set up for the Red Cross Blood Day once a month while school is in session.

Six students are driven to the Elk's Home in Brattleboro by the Red Cross Motor Crew. The students move furniture in several rooms to make way for the blood doning equipment.

When the Red Cross truck arrives, the students help unpack it. All the materials including cots and chairs are set up in preparation for the monthly Blood Donor Day in Brattleboro. The Red Cross workers are full of praise for our students and often say they've never seen a group do as well as our students do.

Students participating every month are Kim Towsley, Gail Weeden, Tony Deprete, Shelley Bevins and Cathy Jenness. Alternating as leaders are Ronnie Russell and Creighton King.





Austine Blood Donors

Since 1976, Austine students have taken part in Blood Donor Day in Brattleboro. So far this year our students have given over 25 pints of blood to the Red Cross donor program. Often Austine leads the list of donors in town due to the response of students and staff.

Students who have given blood this year are Tricia Williams, Cindy Spaulding, Dennis Barbush, Polly Dicranian, David Muise, Steven St. Germain, Kevin Hopkins, Bryan Watson, Bob Boggess, Steve Rodger, Tracy Austin, Tom Byrnes and Steve Regan. Staff participants include James Woodruff, Phil Palmer, Dick Virkstis, Tom Fahner, Leslie McCoy, and Mary Lou Brozena, who completed four gallons this year. Sheri Raimer has donated over 1 gallon.

College Recruiters . . .

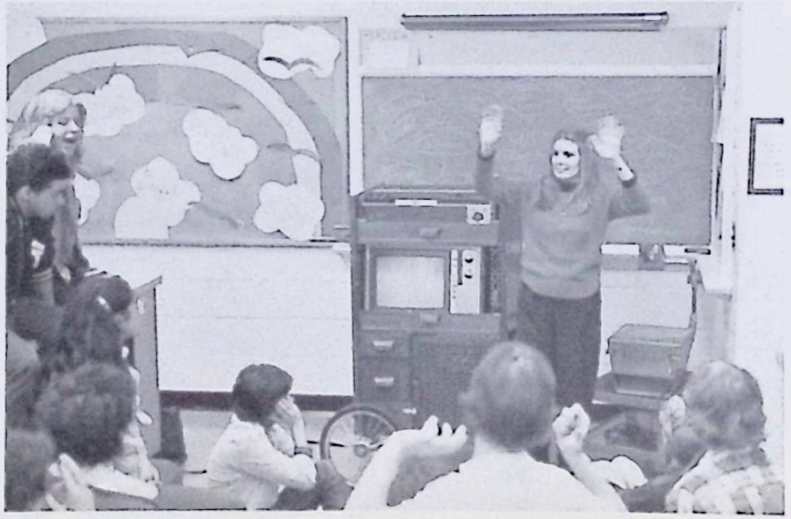
Each year Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. and National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y. send recruiters to all schools for the deaf around the U.S. This year recruiters from both colleges visited the Austine School.

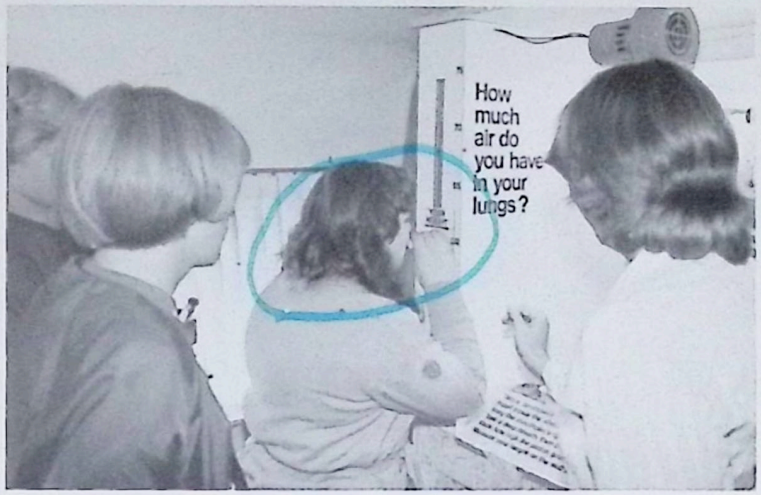
Lynn Capps from Gallaudet and Howard Mann from NTID talked to the juniors and seniors of Austine. They showed slides and films of the two colleges and passed out information to the students.

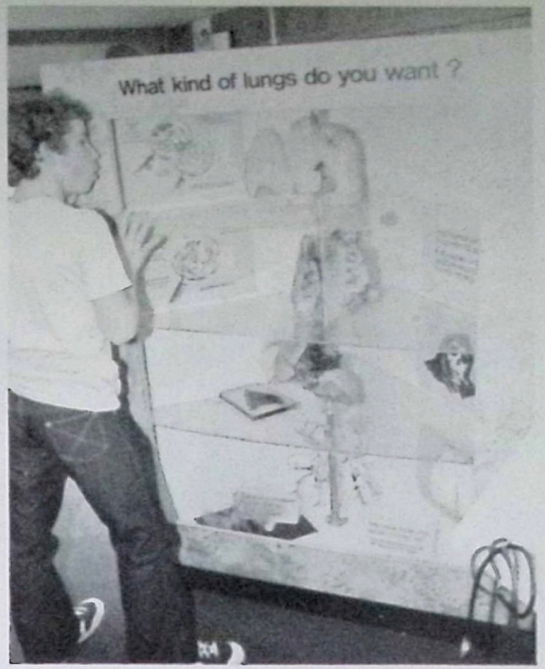
The recruiting program from Gallaudet College and NTID helps our students make decisions about attending college.

B.U.H.S.-Austine Communication Exchange

Members of the Brattleboro Union Junior High School visit annually with Austine School Students as part of an inter-school communication experience. This exchange has occurred over the past several years under the co-direction of Ken Heile from B.U.H.S. and Don Powers from Austine School. Students visit classrooms and speak with teachers and students at each others' school.





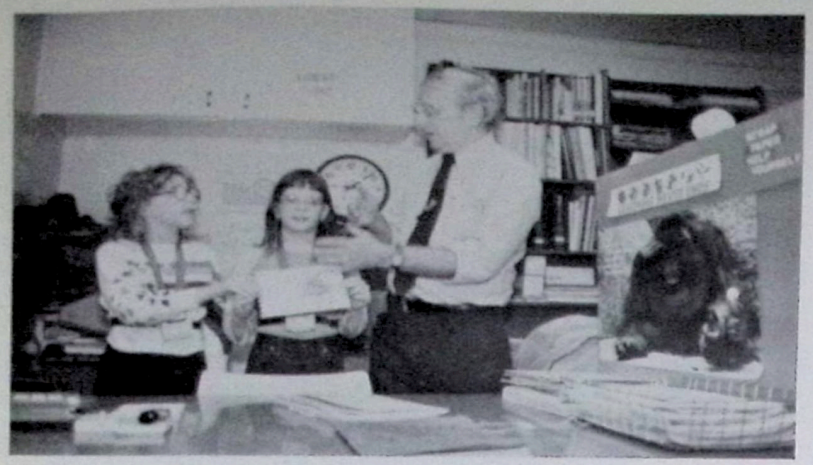


Lung Mobile . . .

The lung mobile sponsored by the Vermont Health Association visited the Austine School. All of the students went through the mobile to see the exhibits. The exhibits were about smoking, air pollution and lung disease.

Ms. Mary Lou Brozena and Ms. Linda Ruggles, two elementary school teachers, arranged for the lung mobile to visit the school.

Hats off to both Ms. Brozena and Ms. Ruggles, the students, and the Vermont Health Association for the good demonstration!



Writing Project

The children in Mrs. Bolte's class, Valerie Annis, Stephanie Currie, Doug Holmes, Jenny Lanpher, Lauri Luckenbill, Michele Sanborn, and David St. Cyr were involved all year with the writing process. The children wrote daily, had writing conferences, shared their writing, and with the help of Mr. Manders' printing classes published some of their best work.

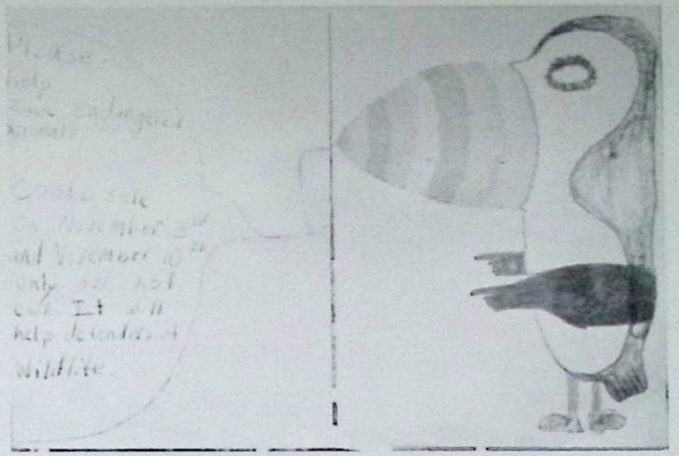
Valerie Annis and Doug Holmes gave our book to Mr. Enola for the Austine Library.

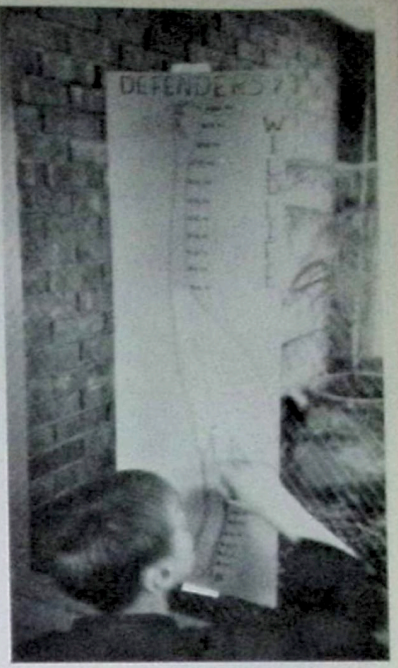
We celebrated the publication of our *Rainbow Book* with an autograph party and a dedication to our friend Mrs. Graves.

Gould & Stearns . . .

In the fall, Gould & Stearns presented a mime show at the Austine School for all students and staff. Gould & Stearns are from Brattleboro and have traveled all over the U.S. with their mime shows.

They presented "Jack & the Beanstock" in mime and storytelling. Mr. Elliott Igleheart interpreted the story part of their show. The mime show was sponsored by the Vermont Council of The Arts.

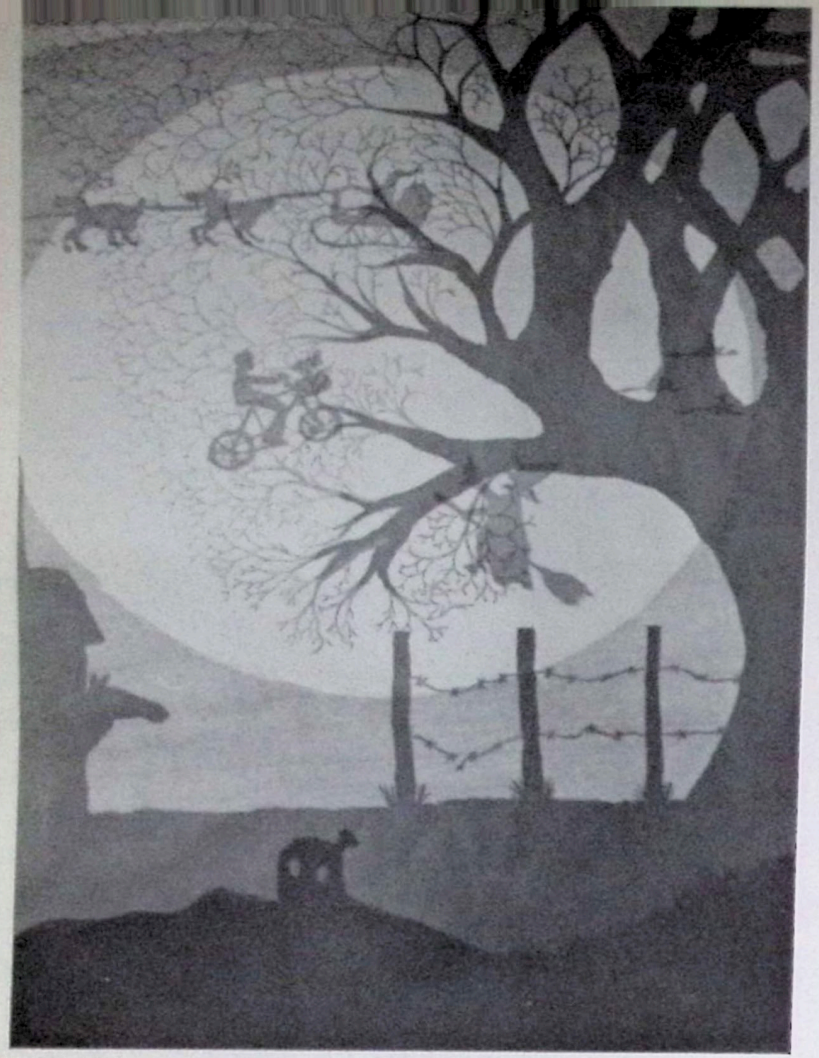




Endangered Animals

Eight upper elementary students from Mary Lou Brozena's class learned about extinct and endangered animals. They wanted to help protect endangered animals. They decided to earn money to join and support "Defenders of Wildlife." This organization helps support laws to protect endangered animals.

Ms. Brozena's class made and sold many endangered animal cookies. They made delicious whales, wolves, ferrets and other animals. They earned more than $20.00 to join "Defenders of Wildlife" organization.



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Gymnastic Show and Art Display

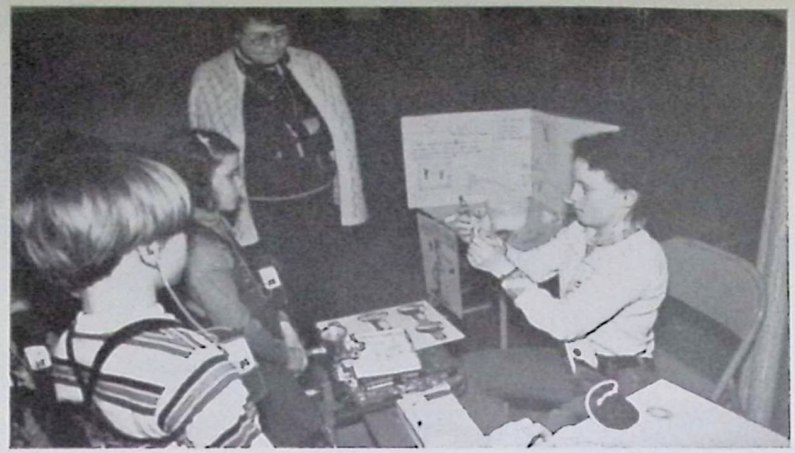
This year before February break the Physical Education Department and Art Department put on a gymnastic/art show for parents, teachers, students and friends. All of the elementary students were involved in the show. Each class had a different activity to demonstrate ranging from simple tumbling moves to more advanced floor exercises. The class breakdown was as follows:

Roberge / Igleheart — Tumbling
Hutchins — Balance Beam
Bolte — Spring Board
Ruggles — Vaulting Box
Brozena — Floor Exercise

Before each activity the students exhibited their art drawings depicting their gymnastic routines. The students worked long and hard on both their art work and gymnastic skills. The show was a huge success thanks to their dedication.

Sign-Song Group

The new Sign-Song Group put on two programs this year. The first, a short Christmas show, included several favorite Christmas songs and carols. The second was a more lengthy show entitled "Music in Motion." It was presented at night for parents and friends. It included popular songs, movie themes, dance, and some beautiful solos and duets. A few of the selections were *Fame*, *Danny Boy*, and *Captain Hook's Waltz*. The students who participated were Cheryl Bushaw, Cindy Spaulding, David Muise, Shawna Curtsinger, Tricia Williams, and Heidi Swenson. The teacher advisors were Leslie McCoy and Cal Heile.



"Science Fair"

The upper elementary classes of Linda Ruggles and Mary Lou Brozena participated in the Second Annual Austine Science Fair on Wednesday, March 23. The two themes, by class, were "Human Body Systems" and "Simple Machines." Fourteen students planned and prepared their individual projects which included demonstrations, scientific explanations, models, and experiments.

All the students can be proud of their efforts and successful projects. Dr. Stevens was impressed and told the group of participants, "You became teachers during the Science Fair and you taught many people."

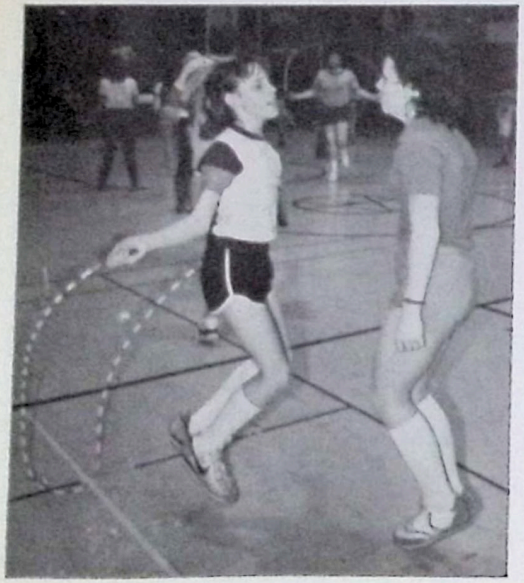
"Close Up" participants, L. to R.: C. Heile, leader; D. McKinney, Senior; D. Barbush, Junior; D. Muise, Junior.

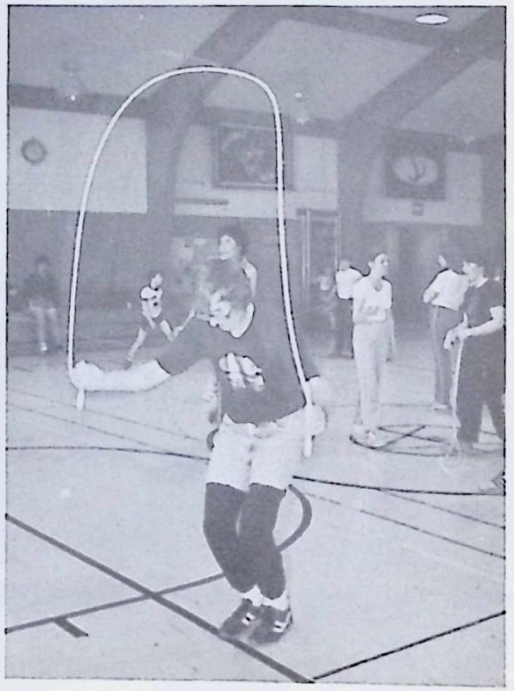
Close Up

Debbie McKinney, David Muise, and Dennis Barbush with teacher Cal Heile participated in the Close Up program this year. They spent a week in Washington, D.C. learning about our federal government. They attended lectures and seminars on national and international issues given by senators, representatives, administrative officials, reporters, lobbyists, and other newsmakers. They met in small discussion groups every day and also had time for sightseeing, visiting Gallaudet College, meeting Vermont congressmen, and attending evening entertainment. They met deaf and hearing students from all over the U.S. It was a valuable experience for all of our Austine participants.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

American Heart Association



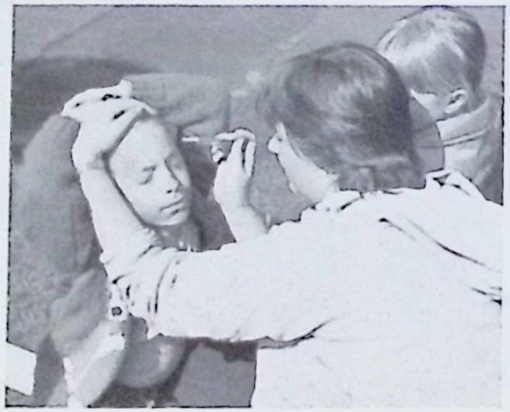


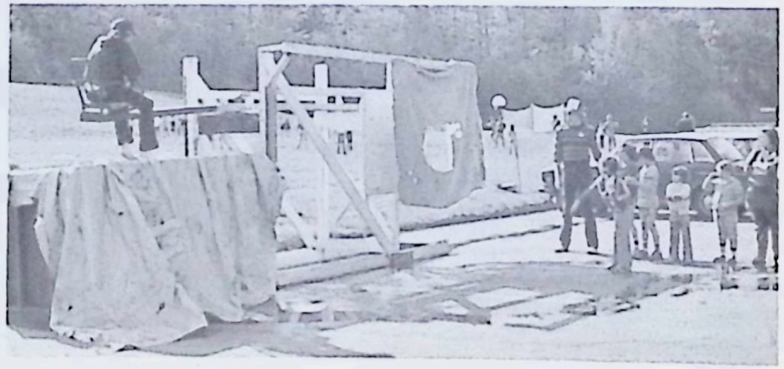
First Place Over-all Winner
Shawna Curtsinger

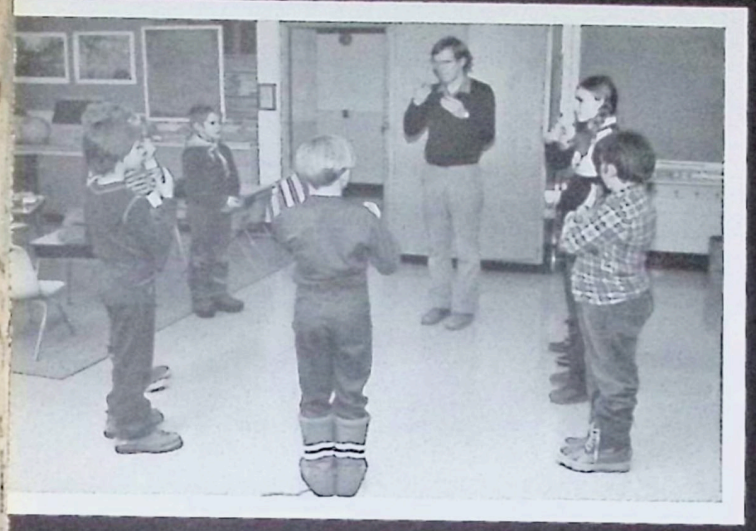
Jump Rope For Heart

Once again the students, teachers, and supervisors Jump Rope for the American Heart Association. This activity raises money for the Heart Association in their fight against heart disease and stroke. This year we had sixteen teams jumping, for a total of 66 people. The grand total for 1983 was $1,047.00, bettering the 1982 total of $934.20.

Spring Carnival







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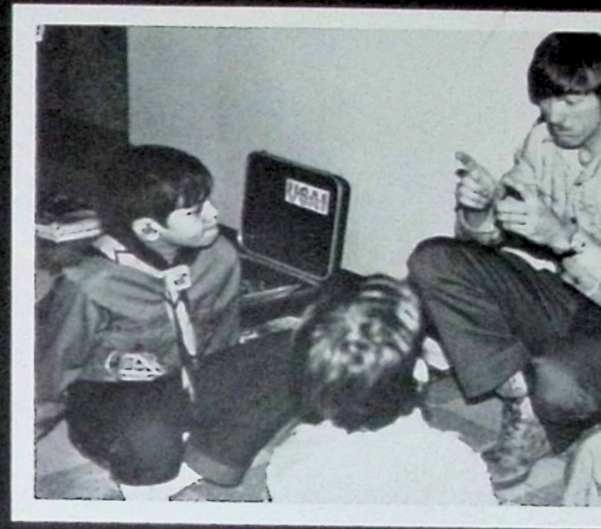
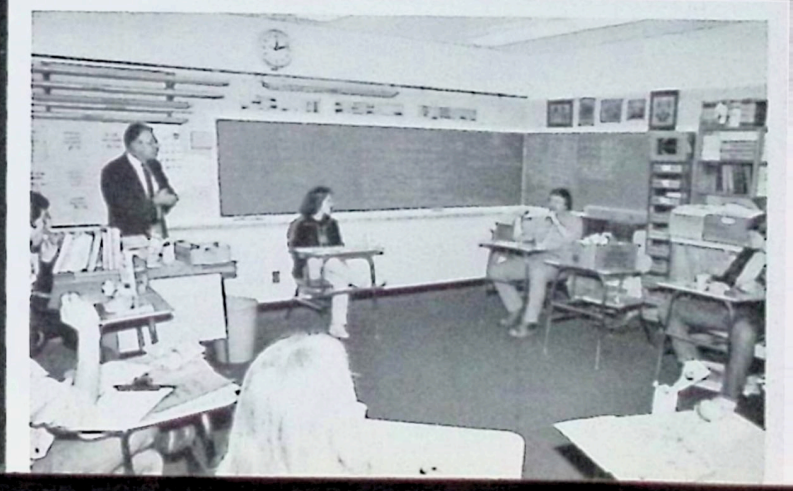
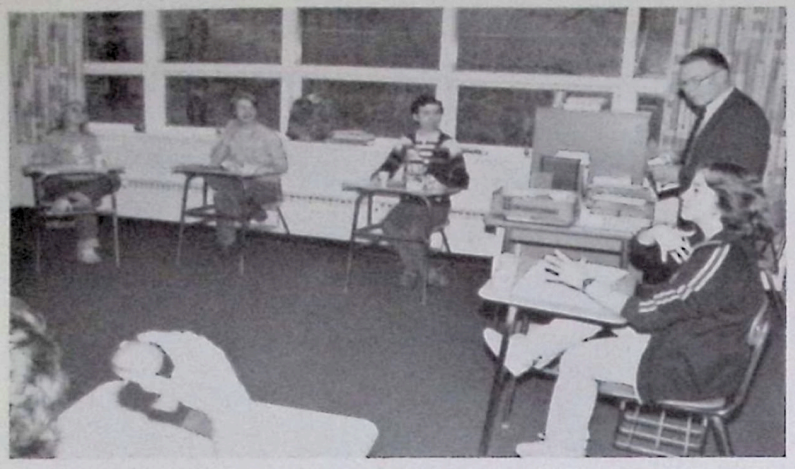
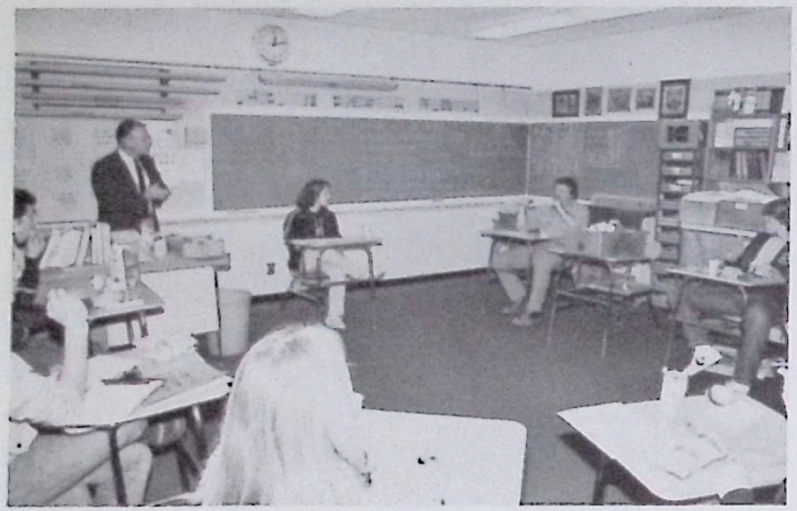




Student Council





STUDENT COUNCIL ROSTER FOR 1982-83:

President	Debby McKinney
Vice President	David Muise
Secretary	Dennis Barbush
Treasurer	Garry Lafrenier
Sr. Representative	Tracy Austin
Jr. Representative	Cheryl Parks
Soph. Representative	Vicky Willard
Fresh. Representative	George Lareau
Advisors	Mr. Powers and Mr. Igleheart

Standing L. to R.: I. Powers, Advisor, G. Lareau, G. Lafrenier, T. Austin, E. Igleheart, Advisor.
Seated L. to R.: C. Parks, D. Barbush, D. McKinney, D. Muise, V. Willard.

The Student Council has eight student members and two advisors. The student body elects four officers at a general meeting in the fall. Then the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes hold meetings to elect one Student Council representative from each class. Finally the eight student members meet to elect two advisors from the staff.

All members help to operate the school snack bar and participate in Student Council projects. The members divide into two committees to plan and carry out special projects. We have a Social Committee and a Service Committee. The Social Committee provides social activities for the student body. These include game nights, parties, dances, tournaments, cookouts, and carnivals. The Service Committee plans projects to earn money for gifts to charity. Our three favorite charities are the Brattleboro Christmas Stocking, African Schools for the Deaf, and C.A.R.E. Our work projects include Red Cross Blood Drives, grinder sales, refreshment sales at ball games and carnivals, car washes, and Green Up Day.

Back Row: Standing L. to R.: L. Baker, B. Donnelly, J. Rowland, L. Baker, L. Lord, R. Fetterman, Asst. Scout Leader.
Middle Row: Standing L. to R.: K. Pillsbury, C. Labelle, L. Lawyer, M. Palmer, S. Sanders.
Kneeling L. to R.: M. Carter, B. Werden, S. Green.

BOY DO WE NEED . . . . . SCOUTING

The Austine Boy Scout Troop #471 has grown from eight to a troop of fourteen enthusiastic Scouts this Spring. The Rattle Snake Patrol and the King Snake Patrol, led by Mike Palmer and Leo Baker have earned Skill Awards and Progress Awards one after the other. Our Senior Patrol Leader, Stanley Sanders, and Patrol Leaders have led the troop through four District and Council Events this year. The Scouts worked hard and will proudly show off their many First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons and Plaques. We are planning a week at a Boy Scout Summer Camp this August in Massachusetts. I hope you all will ask the Scouts about their Summer experience next Fall.

The entire Troop would like to thank the Austine Staff, Teachers, and Fellow Students for their support.

Catch
The

Scouting Spirit

Scoutmaster
Ronald Wilkins

Boy Scouts of America

Scoutmaster — Ron Wilkins

Jr. Girl Scouts

L. to R.: Scout Leader, L. Spar-Blazej, J. Lanpher, M. Sanborn, L. Luckenbill, A. Bacigalupo, S. Rutledge, S. Currie.

Junior Girl Scouts

Junior Girl Scout Troop #490 had a busy year. They enjoyed activities with their own troop members, with the other Austine troops, and with Girl Scouts from Brattleboro. The girls visited the Physical Therapy Department at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. They picked apples at the Francis Miller Orchard and made applesauce the following week with Abigail Kelland, a Girl Guide visiting from England. The Juniors had a Halloween party with the Austine Brownie troop. In November, the girls saw a "Green Circle" demonstration given by Ms. Mary Lou Brozena. They then decided to work on a badge connected with the Green Circle Program. They learned about their families, themselves and their community through this badge. In the Spring, the Juniors enjoyed learning new skills in the out-of-doors. They ended the year with a Court of Awards and Bridging ceremony where they welcomed Valerie Annis to their troop.

Cadette Troop

The Austine Cadette Troop had a busy year. They went roller skating and camping. They hosted a Christmas Party for the Austine Junior Troop which was totally planned by the girls. The Juniors also joined the Cadettes for a Girl Scout Thinking Day Ceremony in February. Three girls went to an All-Council Career Conference at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire. Meanwhile, the girls worked on three different Interest Projects: Leadership; Fashion, Fitness and Make-up; and Child Care. They also sold calendars and Girl Scout cookies to help earn money to pay for their activities.

Lois Brown and Jean Wood
Leaders

Brownies

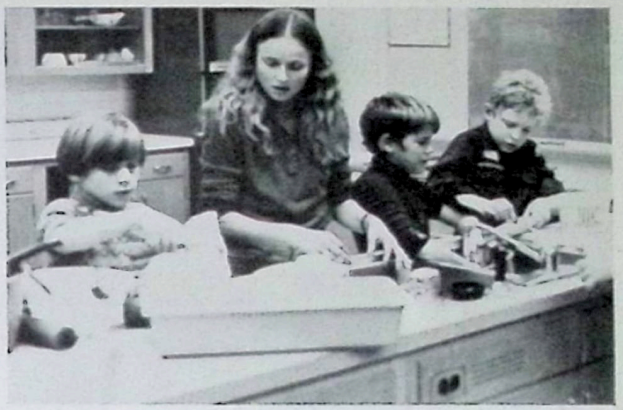
L. to R.: E. Roberge, V. Annis, L. Ward, B. Gabrus, M. Tarbox.

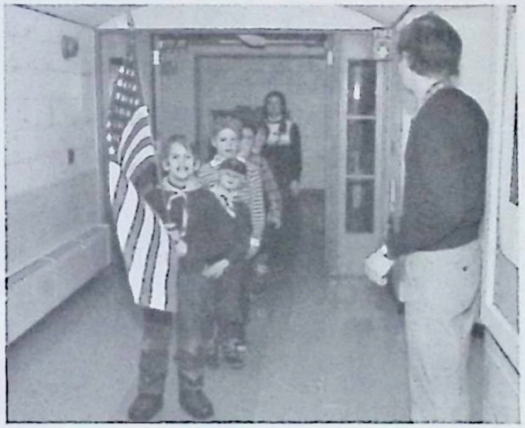
Brownies #456

The Brownies of Austine School (Troop #456) have been working very busily this year! They will have completed 3 badges this year as a result of their hard work. Selling Girl Scout calendars, cookies and hosting a Halloween party for Austine's Junior Girl Scout Troop are just some of the activities they have been involved with. We are planning to have the Brownie Troop #697 from St. Michael's School in Brattleboro as guests at our school before the end of the year. We also will have a year-end picnic for our girls to enjoy.

Elaine Roberge
Troop Leader

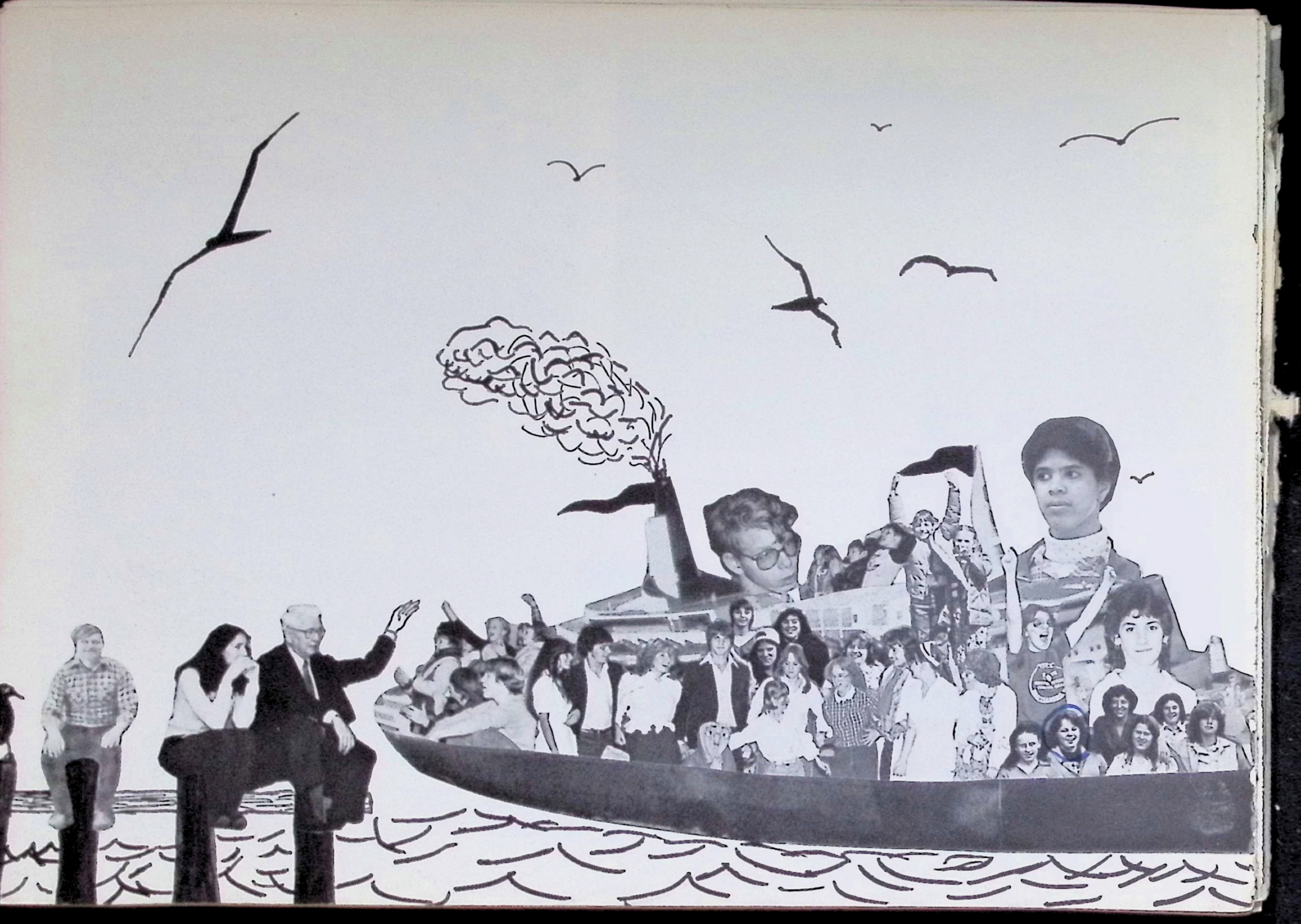
Back Row L. to R.: Scout Leaders, J. Ridgway, C. Helle.
Front Row L. to R.: A. Luhn, D. St. Cyr, S. Fontaine, D. Lavole, S. Payne, M. Taylor.

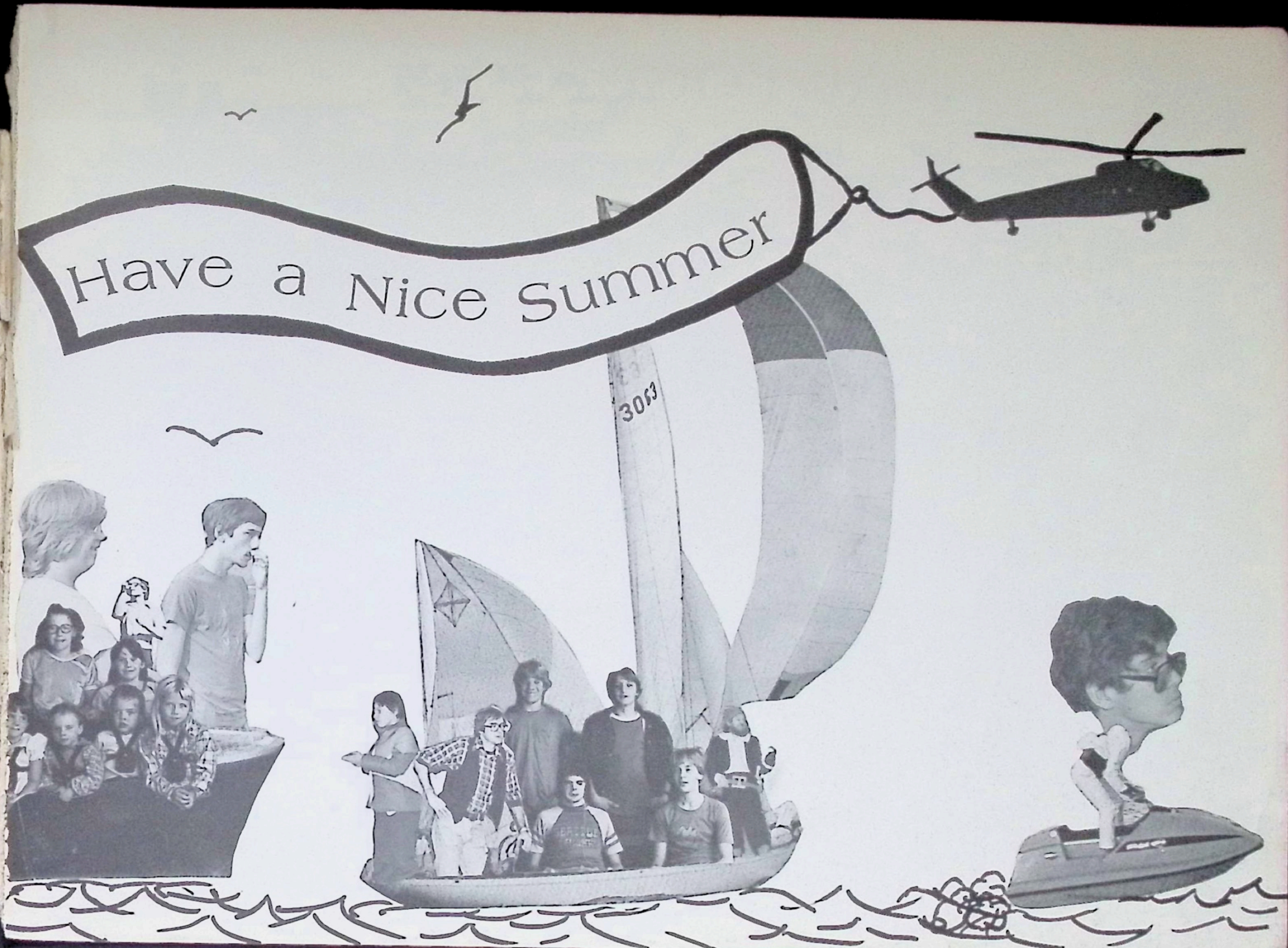




Cub Scouts

The Austine Cub Scouts again this year were involved in various activities—making kites, making rockets, a camping trip, a trip to the newspaper office, visiting a sawmill, cooking, marching, and hiking. This year's Cub Scouts were Michael Carter, Michael Palmer, Shane Greene, Billy Werden, Lyman Lawyer, Michael Taylor, Don Lavole, Arthur Luhn, David St. Cyr, Scott Fontaine, Stan Payne. The first five became Boy Scouts at mid year.




Have a Nice Summer

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